

Wolverhampton City Council

Castlecroft Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the current situation regarding the school reopening to all pupils on Tuesday 5th January.

I understand that this is a frustrating and stressful time for everyone and I apologise for the short notice being given but please be assured that we are responding as quickly as we can to a constantly changing picture.

Wolverhampton City Council have written to the Secretary of State for Education to request the closure of primary schools for the first two weeks of term and are waiting for a response.

The current staffing situation at Castlecroft is extremely challenging with a significant number of staff needing to isolate because they have tested positive for Corona virus or having to shield because they are vulnerable.

You will also be aware that a number of unions, which many Castlecroft staff are members of, have issued the advice that it is unsafe for teachers and support staff to return to a full opening of school.

It is therefore highly likely that Castlecroft will need to close to all pupils except for those of key workers and vulnerable children even if the Government maintain their stance, due to the significant staff shortage that we are experiencing.

Closing a school and disrupting the education of our children is a last resort and is something we have worked hard to avoid during a very difficult Autumn term. I am seeking advice from the local authority and will keep you informed as soon as the necessary risk assessments have been completed and a final decision has been made.

If the school does close a remote learning offer will be provided for pupils and more information will follow. The school would remain open to key worker children and vulnerable children. If you wish to request a place for your child please contact school on 556606 or 556607 between 10.30 and 1.30 on Monday 4th January. Places will need to be limited and requests may need to be prioritised.



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We will require the following information:-

- Your child's name and class
- What days you require
- Whether you need Out of Hours care and if so which days
- The type of work you do to qualify as a Key Worker

Once again, I apologise in advance for the very little notice you will be given and be assured that we are doing all we can in very difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Dyall

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