

Ellington Primary School

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Plans for school reopening:**

Additional positive cases of Covid-19 continue to be reported to school.

Positive cases include children, teachers and support staff.

Please continue to report cases to us via our Covid-19 email: [covid19@ellington.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@ellington.northumberland.sch.uk)

We are working closely with Northumberland County Council and Public Health and any information that you can provide with regard to test results and symptoms is extremely helpful.

Information that we have received recently means that the dates have been adjusted for when **children who are currently self-isolating as a result of having been identified as close contacts** can return to school.

The children can return as follows:

Year 4: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 3: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 and 6: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 and 2: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

The above dates have been confirmed by Public Health in line with the strict guidelines to which we have to adhere.

**Children who have tested positive for Covid-19 must not return to school until they, and everyone in their household, have self-isolated for 10 clear days from the onset of symptoms.**

Members of staff who are currently absent from school will also be returning on different days next week but there are not enough members of staff available to enable me to open school safely on Monday.

Nursery and Reception children can therefore return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee that any classes will be taught by their usual teachers and, unless your child is entitled to income – based free school meals, I would be grateful if you would provide them with a packed lunch to avoid the number of contacts that they will have and the number of rooms that we will need to use.

Once again, I can only apologise for any inconvenience that the above arrangements may cause but I can assure you that we have done everything that we possibly can to keep our community safe in consultation with Northumberland County Council and Public Health England.

Teachers will continue to provide remote learning via our school website and I will fully understand if you make the decision to keep your children at home until after Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K. Vardy  
Headteacher

I have attached a letter from Northumberland County Council that has been sent for the attention of parents in all schools.