



Dear parents and carers

As you will be aware, there has been a lot of uncertainty and difference of opinion about schools opening for the spring term with advice being issued from different organisations in light of the new strain of the virus. In our context, this has put us in a really difficult position in being able to be confident about safety and staffing for tomorrow.

Given the current unpredictability of the situation, St Ives Junior School and St Ives Infant School will take a permitted 'logistics day' tomorrow to enable us to review our safe provision and ensure that we have safe levels of staffing.

This means that ***we will not be open to children tomorrow Monday 4th January.***

We apologise for the short notice of this, but we are in a really challenging situation with much information coming in from many directions over the last 36 hours. We feel that it is better that we take advantage of the logistics day at this point and inform you of our intention to remain closed tomorrow to avoid any difficulty later this evening or first thing in the morning. We know this is a very anxious and stressful time for families and this is not the way we would hope to start the new year.

We will update you tomorrow as soon as we are able to.

Best wishes

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