



# EDITH CAVELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Due to confirmed positive cases of Covid 19 in the school, it has been necessary for a number of staff to self isolate.

This means that we do not have sufficient staff within the Upper Key Stage 2 bubble to safely operate and so all children in Peral, Opal and Quartz classes, who had been attending school WILL NOT BE ABLE SCHOOL TO ATTEND FROM MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY to FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY.

We will review this situation throughout the week and will communicate further with you by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January about arrangements for week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

I can only apologise that this is giving you less than 2 days notice of this change, but I hope you can appreciate how a situation can rapidly change which requires action at that point. This situation could not have been anticipated.

I am aware that your children have key worker status and so have taken up a key worker place to attend school, but I am unable to accommodate the children safely. I cannot move staff from other bubbles to support in UKS2 and I cannot send UKS2 children to other year groups for the safety and protection of the whole school community.

This is not a situation that we wanted to be in, but with the positive Covid case numbers rising nationally and especially within the Harpur Ward, where the school is situated, this is a situation that is occurring in many schools all around the country.

Children should continue to access home learning via Google classrooms, the printed learning pack, requested from the school office, or downloading the learning pack from the school web site.

If you have any questions about this information, please get in touch with the school office on 01234 345636 or via email at [office@ecls.org.uk](mailto:office@ecls.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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