



Jan 2022

Dear Parents,

Closure of Y4 and 5

I am writing to inform you that with regret, we are closing Year 4 and 5 for three days (Wed 25th Jan - Fri 27th Jan) following a significant rise in covid cases. All classes will return as normal on Monday 31st as normal.

We are following our covid transmission tier system and we have moved from Level 2 to Level 3 today meaning we meet the threshold for a temporary closure and we must revert to online learning. It is hoped that this will provide a 'circuit break' amongst classes and for siblings due to the rise in cases amongst children and staff, in these age groups.

Online provision will be via Google Classroom as we have done previously. Staff will be available at different times during these two days to support the children. Our children can register at 9:00am and 1:00pm online to check in and have the home learning clarified by staff.

Please continue to take lateral flow tests. If you haven't done this so far, please can we encourage you to do so. If your children are symptomatic, do get a PCR test.

We are not oblivious to the fact that this is inconvenient and will prove to be a challenge, however we need to take this measure in order to manage the spread of the virus throughout school and the community. Whilst not national guidance, local Cumbria guidance does allow parents discretion to keep all siblings at home to reduce the spread of the virus. We will leave this decision to you.

I am sure that the children will be independent enough to be able to manage their time and work using Google Classroom; we will provide support from a teacher or teaching assistant online where possible. If your child is poorly, please use your judgement as to whether they can or should be online.

If your child tests positive for covid during this period of time, please can you email school and keep us informed. admin@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk

There is no requirement for you to collect your children early this afternoon however, if your child is at afterschool club, we recommend that you pick up your child at the end of the school day as a helpful precaution.

Credits will be made for any Year 4 and 5 children who are unable to access extended service provision during the closure period.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to manage this situation and look after the children and staff.

Yours,