



## COVID-19 Update –

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

You will be aware that recent news has detailed the increase in transmission and infection rates of coronavirus across England. Many more restrictions have been put in place across the country. As a Headteacher, I am acutely aware of the value of education for our young people and the importance of them being in school.

However, the safety of your children, our staff and our local community is my primary concern at this challenging time. The new variant strain of the virus that is now more transmittable has raised the importance of us all working together to protect each other.

Yesterday, I received notifications from a large number of staff, who have taken advice from SAGE and from their unions. This advice has been that, due to the alarming rate of infection in recent weeks, returning to school is not safe.

I am therefore making the decision that Holy Trinity will be closed for two weeks to all children other than those who are deemed vulnerable, or have parents with key worker status. All children attending will be expected to wear school uniform and attend every day.

Our staff are extremely conscientious, dedicated and hardworking. They have my full support. This decision has not been taken lightly.

Remote learning, via Dojo, will be provided for all pupils during this time. If you experience any difficulties with online learning, please contact the school office.

If you are receipt of Free School Meal Award, you can collect a packed lunch from the main entrance from 11.00- 12.00 am each day.

If you are a key worker, please contact the school office on:

[office@holytrinitypri.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitypri.dorset.sch.uk) by 10am tomorrow morning, stating your child's name, class and your occupation. This facility will begin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. We will not be able to provide Breakfast Club or After School Club, so drop-off and collection will need to be at your child's usual class time (following the set staggered times in place since September).

Holy Trinity will be closed on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January in order to process and implement these new procedures.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Fiona Daykin  
Headteacher