

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to apologise profusely on the Governments behalf for the absolutely outrageous lateness of this information.

As you may have heard on the news at 8pm we are now at alert level 5 and as such have gone into national lockdown. The new strain of the virus is deemed to be between 50 and 70% more transmittable.

All schools will go to remote learning from tomorrow. I think Boris then said until February half term, but to be honest I was still reeling from what he had just said, so I'll confirm tomorrow. School will be only open for children classed as 'vulnerable' and for the children of 'Key/critical' workers.

A list of who is considered vulnerable or a Critical Worker is below. This was last updated on 31.12.2020 but is the most updated guidance we have access to. Please think carefully about your roles, to try to keep face-to-face contact down as low as possible. If you think that your children are eligible to come into school under the Critical list then please contact either myself or Beccy ASAP on:

Mrsboulton@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

Beccy@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

All the classes will switch to remote learning through the google classroom. If you need help getting onto it again (it is the same platform that you accessed for parent's evening) then please just email your class teachers:

Mrpetts@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

Missmoore@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

Mrsslack@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

Mrsscott@grindlefordprimaryschool.co.uk

The plan is to do some whole class instruction then leave you with work to be completed before the next visual get together, following a set timetable. The whole class instructions will be staggered to allow different siblings time on the computer and try to avoid clashes.

I hope that you will bear with us for a little while, as we were busily preparing lessons today with the view of being open tomorrow. We will send text messages out tomorrow with the different class times to start lessons, but it may well not be until 10am as we will have to co-ordinate critical worker children etc first thing and put the work onto the google classrooms etc. After tomorrow we will settle into a routine which will be as fixed as possible for the coming weeks.

If you will have trouble with remote learning, please do get in touch and we'll see how we can get around the problem.

Again, many apologies for the lack of notice.

Leonie Boulton