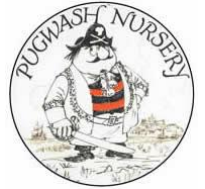




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Dear Parents and Families,

RE: Delay to the start of the spring term

On Wednesday, 30th December, the UK Government announced that due to rapidly rising cases of the new, more transmissible variant of coronavirus (COVID-19) the return of primary schools in certain areas **including Rother** would be delayed.

Therefore, **Monday, 4th January** will remain a training day for colleagues as planned.

From **Tuesday, 5th January**, children of critical workers and those in priority groups will be able to return to school for face-to-face teaching whilst **all other pupils will receive high-quality remote education**.

If you are a critical worker and wish your child to attend school, please let us know by emailing the school on office@ryeprimary.co.uk whereby provision will be made for your child. Pupils in priority groups include those with a social worker, those with an EHCP or those the school has previously identified as having particular difficulty accessing remote education at home; the school will contact these pupils on Monday 4th January.

The school will **only** be open to those pupils identified above until the Secretary of State directs that schools will re-open for all year groups. We anticipate that the Secretary of State will review his decision before **Monday 18th January** and we will of course keep you advised of when the school will reopen to all pupils.

Given that the Secretary of State's announcement only took place yesterday, **high-quality remote education will be available to all pupils unable to attend school from Tuesday, 5th January**. This will be in line with the timings of the school day and children will be expected to undertake no less than three hours' of activity a day. Given the importance of a good start to the new term, we ask for your support engaging our children in this provision.

Our nursery setting will only be open to the children of critical workers and those in the above priority groups from 5th January.

As I am sure you will understand this is a changing situation. We ask for your support and understanding as further guidance is issued.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Martin

Head of School.