



Senacre Wood Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support and understanding regarding today's closure of Senacre Wood. Last night, we received notification that a staff member and a Year 6 pupil had tested positive for COVID-19. After consultation with our Chair of Governors and the Local Authority, we made the decision to close today to ensure a clear plan was in place for Monday.

Unfortunately, today we have received notifications through the NHS Track and Trace App that 2 further members of staff now need to self-isolate. This now means that in addition to the staff that have been in contact with the two positive cases who also need to isolate, more staff will be working offsite and we are unable to continue the daily running of the school. As unfortunately the staff required to self-isolate are DSLs, SLT and administrative staff.

As a result, **Senacre Wood will continue to be closed for all pupils until Monday 7th December.** Your child's learning will continue to be uploaded onto Seesaw by 9am each morning. If you need any support with accessing the app, please inform us by text or email.

Please can I reassure you that those pupils who have been in contact with the staff member who has tested positive have all been informed regarding their 14 day self-isolation. In addition to this, the Year 6 pupils have also been informed that they will need to isolate for two weeks. If you have not been contacted about your child needing to isolate, they do not need to do so and can continue leaving the house as per the national lockdown/new Tier 3 restrictions for Kent during the time the school is closed.

We fully appreciate that this is an unsettling time, but I want to reassure you that as ever, the health and safety of our families and our staff are at the forefront of all our decisions.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email the school on office@senacre-wood.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Sweeney

Headteacher

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