

Friday 17th September

Dear Parents/Carers of Nursery Children

This is not how I imagined welcoming you and your children into our school community and I have to say I am devastated. Although not my fault I would like to apologise personally to you, not just because your children will be disappointed they are not starting school but that you will have to change all your plans.

At school we have seen three positive COVID-19 cases and as a result 9 staff and over 80 children are at home isolating.

When considering the health and safety of everyone and the staffing ratios we decided it was not safe or prudent to bring an extra class onto the site. Therefore, and as explained to you by the staff this evening, we are postponing the opening of the nursery class. We are hoping to open on Monday 5th October but will keep you updated as obviously the national and local situation may change.

Please be assured we have not taken this decision lightly and I can promise you that we will eventually get back to normal and your children will be happy at school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle