



**Forest of Teesdale
Primary School**



**Rookhope Primary
School**



**St John's Chapel
Primary School**



Wearhead Primary School

Coronavirus update 11-01-21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for bearing with us over the last week, as there has been considerable change as we've entered another lockdown and government advice is being continuously updated. There have been a few significant changes to Health and Safety guidance for schools, so I just wanted to write to you and update you with the changes that have an impact on our school communities.

Critical Worker guidance

We are happy to care for the children of critical workers, but would like to reiterate the government guidance that children should be cared for at home if parents have the option to do so. Parents of key worker children should liaise with their child's teacher by email to advise as to which days they require childcare each week and only send them to school on days when they are working. This is to minimise the number of contacts each individual has and reduce the R value. If your family circumstances change and you require key worker childcare, please let me know s.hodgkinson100@durhamlearning.net and we can discuss your needs.

Remote Learning

The government and schools are aware that children have missed out on a lot of education during the pandemic and therefore the guidance for schools on remote learning has changed significantly to the previous lockdown. Schools are now required to provide approximately 3 hours of remote learning per day for KS1 children (less for EYFS pupils) and 4 hours for KS2 and to have systems in place to check on a daily basis whether children are engaging and completing the work. This can be a range of activities which could include practical challenges, reading, completing Doodle Maths challenges on the iPad, work set on class Dojo (Wearhead only), as well as virtual lessons or paper based learning. Staff are here to support you, so if you need any advice or resources, please contact your child's teacher.

Face Masks

We have now been advised that parents and carers should wear a face mask when collecting children from the school site. Staff will also be wearing a face covering during any doorstep conversations they may have with you.

Thank you once again for your support. I realise that this time is very challenging for everyone, but by observing the National Lockdown restrictions, we can all do our part to protect our school communities and reduce the transmission of Covid 19.

Kind Regards,
SJF Hodgkinson
Mrs Sarah Hodgkinson
Executive Headteacher