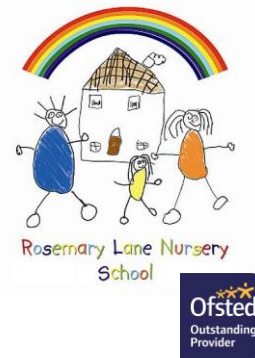


# Rosemary Lane Nursery School

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience following our decision to close the school today. I want to reassure you that we are taking a measured approach to our decision making.

There is much scientific evidence to show the current position we are in, within a Tier 4 area, is very serious. Worryingly, it appears that the new variant of the coronavirus is particularly more transmissible and there has been a rise in positive cases amongst children. This combined with the period of household mixing over the Christmas break has helped to inform our current decision.

My responsibility as Head Teacher is to provide a safe environment for the whole school community. Myself, the Governing Body and the whole school team have agonised over the best way forward for all our families. Following a thorough evaluation of our risk assessment for opening, it is with great regret that the conclusion we have reached is that, at present, it is unsafe to open Rosemary Lane Nursery School to all children.

Under current circumstances, bringing all our children back together potentially poses a great risk to the whole school community. **Based upon all of this, we have decided to close the school to all except key worker and vulnerable children for a 2 week period.** This closure will naturally be under constant review.

I appreciate that this news will be both disappointing and worrying for many of you and understand the difficult position that this will put many of you in. The nursery staff will continue to provide daily activities to all children via our school website and twitter account. We will send you a message regarding this on the OurSchoolsApp.

We will also be providing basic childcare for vulnerable children and for those of parents who are frontline key workers. If you feel that your child qualifies for this childcare, please complete the below questions and email your response back to us as soon as possible. Please note we may need to limit key worker places to families with 2 parents who are both key workers and single parent households first.

I can't emphasise enough how difficult it is to make such decisions but trust you will understand as we find ourselves in such unprecedented times. Our greatest wish is to have all our children here in nursery safely, as soon as possible. In the meantime, please keep a close eye on the school website, twitter account and OurSchoolsApp for more information on home learning.

Kind regards

Jill Jones