



PURSTON INFANT SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/carers

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding since returning to school on Monday.

As you are aware the reason for limiting the number of children in school is because the new variant of COVID-19 is much more transmissible than before. It is clear to see that there is a rapid rise both locally and nationally in positive cases of the virus. This is why we are currently only open to children of critical workers and our most vulnerable pupils.

After receiving some up to date guidance this morning, it is possible, that our nursery (crocodiles) children may be offered a place back in school. If all the places were to be accepted this would mean 30 children returning to school in both morning and afternoon. Obviously, this would increase the transmission rate in our nursery children, families, staff and community. In our opinion, this seems to go against the reasons for going into lockdown and limiting the number of children in school.

Currently we cannot fully open to all our nursery children due to unforeseen circumstances relating to staffing. The ratio of staff to children cannot safely be maintained.

We will contact you next week with further information regarding this. We totally understand that these are challenging times, and that many of you will be anxious and worried about juggling work and childcare commitments but the more children we have in school the more chance of virus transmission affecting the health of all pupils, families, staff and the community.

Thank you for your continued support. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

P Barnett (Mr)
Headteacher

The Designated Senior Lead for Safeguarding and Child Protection is the Headteacher, Philip Barnett, supported by the Deputy Headteacher, Alison Gascoyne and Learning Mentor, Kerry Dyas.
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