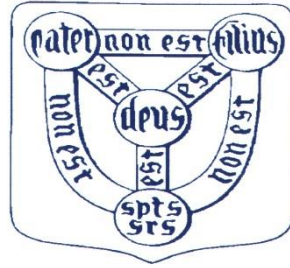


# Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

Headteacher: Miss Judith Terrell



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4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Urgent Information about the start of term

Dear Parents,

We are in a time of great instability and rapid change as a result of the pandemic and the new Covid variant. You will be very aware of the steep rise in case numbers in our area and indeed in many areas of the country and of the pressure the health service is currently under. You may also be aware that the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) who advise the government, have made it clear that they feel schools should be closed for a period to relieve this pressure and to allow further progress with testing and vaccination.

Against this background, the National Education Union (NEU), which represents some teachers in school, and UNISON, which represents some support staff, have recommended that their members do not return to work this term to schools that are fully open.

A decision has been taken by staff this afternoon to follow that union advice and to invoke sections 44 and 100 of the Employment Rights Act 1996. This means that 'they reasonably believe there to be a serious and imminent danger that they could not be reasonably expected to avert'. As a result, it is not possible to open Shellingford CE (A) Primary School **tomorrow** to all pupils safely. We deeply regret having to make this decision at such very short notice, but we have absolutely no alternative.

The school therefore has to move to remote learning for all classes. The school will however remain open for children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable children. The staff are following union advice to provide remote learning as well as teaching the children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable children in school.

**If your child/ren qualify for a place in the Critical Worker or Vulnerable children groups, please complete and return the form below as a matter of urgency. Please note that we will have to keep under review the number of places that it is safe to provide for these pupils, depending on ongoing risk assessments.**

We apologise again that this is such late notice and do understand the many difficulties that this will cause. However, we have to stress that there are no other options open to us and we are in a similar situation to many other schools in the county.

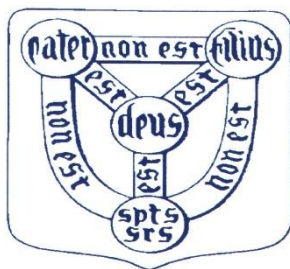
With very best wishes,

Judith R Terrell  
(Headteacher)

Anna Marlow  
(Chair of Governors)

Helen Wilson  
(Vice-Chair of Governors)

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## CRITICAL WORKER INFORMATION

Name of child/ren	Year Group

Please identify the adult/s with Parental Responsibility for the above-named child/ren along with the relevant Critical Worker Group (a list of who falls within this category can be found [here](#))

<b>Name of adult:</b>	<b>Relationship to child/ren:</b>
Does this adult have Parental Responsibility? (*Please delete as appropriate)	<b>YES / NO*</b>
<b>Critical Worker Groups (tick one):</b>	<b>Please record your specific job role:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Social Care	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education and Childcare	
<input type="checkbox"/> Key public services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Local and national government	
<input type="checkbox"/> Food and other necessary goods	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public safety and national security	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transport	
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities, communication and financial services	
<b>Please provide employer details:</b>	
Employer Name _____	
Contact number _____	

Parental signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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