

# Shaw Wood Academy

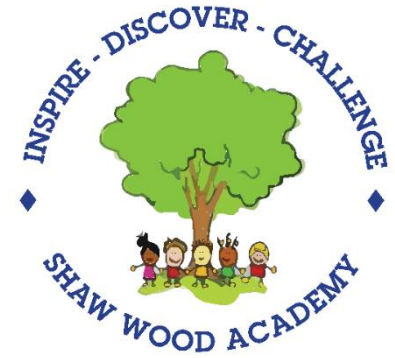
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Dear Parent/Carer

## Update – Covid-19

All parents have received a text today to ask for their support in not contacting school for other than urgent reasons as we have significantly reduced staffing capacity due to Covid-19.

This is because some staff and children have recently had a positive test and some staff and children have had contact with those who are now positive. Whilst all possible safeguarding procedures are in place the nature of a primary school is that some close contact is inevitable.

School leaders, staff and governors will do everything possible to keep school open so that children are able to benefit from both academic support and the more limited but essential social interaction that school provides. We are however beginning to struggle to cover all the necessary tasks within the school day with ever-decreasing staff numbers.

The government have suggested that schools close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Shaw Wood will do all possible to remain open on that day as we know how difficult arranging childcare for families can be. We will however close at 12 noon on the 18<sup>th</sup> to allow for thorough cleaning of classrooms before the end of term. All children that have a school meal will receive a packed lunch prior to leaving on that day.

This has been the most difficult year I can ever remember in my many years of teaching. The staff at Shaw Wood have shown amazing dedication and their support both within their teams and for our children is a huge credit to them all.

Families too have shown tremendous support and understanding during the most challenging of times – particularly those that have had to take children home at incredibly short notice for periods of isolation.

I have always been incredibly proud to be the Headteacher of Shaw Wood but 2020 really has brought out the very best of people in the very worst of times. I would like to thank each and every person within our school community and wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas.

Yours Faithfully

Jo Campbell  
Executive Headteacher



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