

Putnoe Primary School

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'The Headteacher, Staff and Governors at Putnoe Primary School aim to help all pupils enjoy and achieve. We strive for academic excellence while seeking to provide a balance between academic subjects and the aesthetic, practical, musical and physical activities.

We believe all pupils should have the opportunity to develop those life skills that will raise self-confidence and self-esteem and contribute to their role as responsible citizens.'

Mission statement

Sunday 3rd January 2021

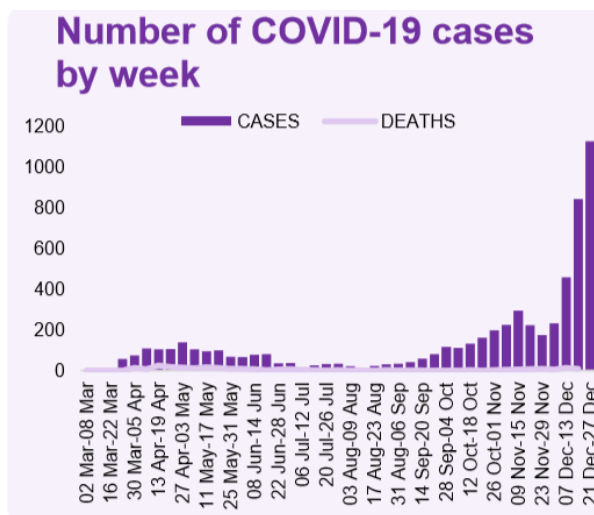
Dear Parents/Carers,

During the last 24 hours additional information has been shared with schools which outlines the increased risks observed since the discovery of a new strain of COVID-19.

After much consideration, we have taken the decision not to re-open to pupils on Tuesday unless they are classed as vulnerable or a parent is a key worker. Further details of these categories can be found towards the end of this letter.

The safety of your children, family and school staff has led all key decisions made since the beginning of the pandemic. Thank you for the support you have given the school during this difficult time and I apologise for the disruption the decision, not to re-open, will undoubtedly cause some of you. I am also acutely aware that the school's decision comes at a very late stage in the school holidays.

As you can see from the graphics below, Putnoe is listed as being an area with one of the highest infection rates in Bedford Borough. The number of cases in Bedford Borough has soared in the last few weeks and are currently at a very concerning level.



Most affected wards in the last 7 days

Ward	Number of cases
Harpur	80
Cauldwell	73
Bromham and Biddenham	71
Castle	71
Queens Park	68
Kempston Central and East	56
Putnoe	55

Remote Learning

- The school is committed to providing learning for your child.
- Please ensure we have your up-to-date e-mail details so we can forward details of your child's learning to you.
- If you do not have access to a suitable electronic device, please contact the school office so we can support your child effectively. This may include providing paper copies of activities for your child.

Key Worker and Vulnerable Groups

- If your employment has changed since the lockdown period, earlier this year, please contact the school office to update your circumstances. In some cases, we may need to request written confirmation of your key worker role.
- Please check the linked document to see if your child is classed as vulnerable or if you require clarification of the key worker categories.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Latest Borough Infection Data

<https://bbcdevwebfiles.blob.core.windows.net/webfiles/Social%20Care%20Health%20and%20Community/Covid19/covid19-weekly-statistics-30dec.pdf>

The school's decision is under constant review and we will ensure we keep you updated regularly with developments.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mr Petch

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