

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Covid-19 continues to make its presence felt in Folkestone and Cheriton, I am writing to give you an update regarding how we are adapting to the consequences that this has for us at school.

One member of our staff team is at home self-isolating after receiving a positive test result. This teacher has not attended school since Thursday 3rd December 2020 and only developed symptoms significantly longer than 48 hours of being in school. Therefore, Public Health England have informed us that no action is needed. In addition, a number of additional members of staff are self-isolating following requests for them to stay at home via the Track and Trace app. Currently, we have had no positive tests for any TFS scholar.

Despite the obvious challenges of the current situation, we are adequately staffed and school will continue for our scholars. The timetable will be adjusted slightly from tomorrow and each class will be assigned a key teacher, who will deliver all lessons to the scholars. Classes will continue to be supported by Teaching Assistants where appropriate. All lessons will be planned by subject specialists to ensure that high quality lessons are delivered to all scholars as normal.

PE lessons, as well as all intervention classes which run outside of school hours, will be cancelled for the time being. This does mean that any extra support classes arranged recently for English, reading and maths for example, will not be going ahead. We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume these sessions.

We understand that this is a difficult and challenging time for all our families, but we would like to reassure you that we are working hard to ensure that life in school continues to be as normal as possible.

It is important to note that following a government update this afternoon, all Turner Schools will be moving our planned INSET day from the 25th January to Friday 18th December. **Therefore, the last day of this term will be Thursday 17th December.** This will be a full school day, with normal finishing times for each year group.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we hope this measure will support the wellbeing of our scholars and their families and reduce the chance of staff, scholars and their families having to self-isolate over the Christmas period. We plan to be fully open for all scholars throughout the rest of the term.

If you have any questions, please contact us by sending an email to [tfsadmin@turnerschools.com](mailto:tfsadmin@turnerschools.com).

Yours faithfully



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