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Dear Parents and Carers,

You are in no doubt aware that the numbers of Covid infections are continuing to increase across Birmingham.

In November I wrote to you to explain that whilst we would always prioritise keeping all pupils in school, if staffing levels became too low, we would have to review this. At that time, we asked you to have a 'plan B' in place for childcare if this happened.

Unfortunately, over the past week, staff absence due to Covid infection or self-isolating has increased dramatically, leaving us unable to safely care for children in some class groups. Numbers of positive cases in our pupils has also increased significantly.

Following on from Public Health advice, we are therefore at the point of closing our Woodlands site to all children tomorrow, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Senior staff will be contacting the parents and carers of Key workers to offer placement in school on these dates. The situation will be reviewed on a daily basis, potentially with children on a rota to ensure that all continue to access on site education as well as remote learning.

In order for us to contact you, please ensure we have up to date contact details for you and that, if these are for a mobile phone, you check this on a regular basis.

We aim to fully reopen as soon as possible and will continue to keep you informed.

Yours sincerely



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