



The Blagreaves Federation

Ridgeway Infant & Gayton Junior Schools



Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that from tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January 2021, Ridgeway Infant and Gayton Junior Schools will only open to vulnerable pupils and children of 'critical worker' families. All other pupils should stay at home until further notice.

If you feel you are a parent who is classed as a critical worker and need to request a place for your child then please complete the online surveys by 2pm today, the links to which can be found at the end of this letter. Children of critical workers should only attend school on the days that their parent is working and there is nobody else in the family home that can look after them safely.

I am sure you will appreciate that this has been a difficult decision to make. Leadership teams at both schools have worked tirelessly over the weekend to investigate whether there are further measures we can put in place to keep everyone safe in school as the education of all our children is vitally important. However, we cannot open the school sites safely for all children due to significant staff shortages. This is a situation that is happening in many schools across the country and we must respond accordingly. We must prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, children and their families and following our Risk Assessment of the situation we do not have sufficient staff to be able to open the schools to all pupils. By opening only to critical worker and vulnerable children, this also reduces the risk of transmission between the children and the risk of them bringing the virus home.

From Tuesday 5th January, we will be following Government guidance and providing remote learning to all our children. Your child will be given tasks to complete from their teachers on Class Dojo (Ridgeway) or Microsoft Teams (Gayton). Please contact the school if you need support to access this. As the situation is changing rapidly, we will continue to keep parents as up-to-date as we can.

Thank you for your continued support at what remains a challenging time for all.

Mr Paul Hassall

Chair of Governors

If you are a key worker of a child at Ridgeway, please use this form to let us know:

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If you are a key worker of a child at Gayton, please use this form to let us know:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Z5t6dhEISkudgsp00cJEVND-pnK9ihLgKp2xttpMRZUNUdUSUo2UzgwVjU5VDNENVVERk44T1IKRi4u>