25/9/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Rosstulla School is currently working with reduced staff availability due to staff sickness, including confirmed cases of Covid – 19.

While the school is continually working to secure staff cover, this has become increasingly challenging. Consequently, we are finding ourselves on some days in a position where, reluctantly, we may have to temporarily close a class or classes. We will endeavour also to facilitate all our activities outside of the school setting, such as Swimming, School Trips, attendance at college but again, this can become impossible at time due to staff shortages. Decisions to allow classes to open and/or support activities outside of the school setting are based on the health and safety of pupils and staff.

We recognise, and fully understand, that the consequences of making decisions around closing classes results in real-time issues for parents and families; trying to manage parental roles and responsibilities, which may include work, and other parental plans, will be impacted directly by any class closures. Decisions to close a class will be made reluctantly and only after the school has made every consideration and effort to maintain provision for pupils. Unfortunately, any decision around management of risks may have to be made very quickly and at short notice for individual classes, and indeed individual pupils.

We request your patience, understanding and flexibility in such instances. Keeping each other safe is our priority. Should the need to close a class arise, we will keep you updated with information via text message and Seesaw of closure/reopening of your child’s class. It remains essential that as a Parent/ Guardian, you check your mobile phone and /or electronic devices each night and morning so that you are aware of any changes.

Yours faithfully

Laura Matchett

Principal