

11th December 2020

Dear parents and carers of children in 4 Rowan, 5 Alder & 5 Hawthorn,

Yesterday, I sent you a letter which started by saying that our situation in school is changing rapidly, often by the hour, in relation to COVID-19. Today the government has changed the self-isolation period from 14 days to 10 days, with effect from Monday 14th December.

Please see the UK Chief Medical Officer's press statement for more details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chief-medical-officers-statement-on-the-self-isolation-period-11-december-2020>

This change has affected several members of staff who had received notifications from the NHS app to self-isolate for 14 days. Your children's teachers can now return to work three days earlier than expected:

- Children in 4 Rowan can now return to school on Monday 14th December
- Children in 5 Alder and 5 Hawthorn will continue to access remote learning at home until the following dates:
 - 5 Alder - returning to school on Tuesday 15th December
 - 5 Hawthorn - returning to school on Friday 18th December.

Children in these classes **do not** need to self-isolate at this point – they need to learn at home due to staff shortages.

I am so sorry for any inconvenience caused over this period; these changes are frustrating and completely out of our control.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sansom

Headteacher