



Dear Parents and Carers,

The lockdown announced by the Prime Minister on the 4 January is not how we wanted to start the new year. Despite this, we hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well.

We are in the eye of the storm with this pandemic. We desperately need to drive infection rates down, and to give the time and space to our critical services to deliver the care they need for both Covid and non Covid related conditions, and to allow the rollout of the vaccine at as fast a pace as possible.

In the spirit of this, we wish to remind you that your child should stay at home and access remote learning if it is appropriate to do so. This will lower the number of households mixing and reduce transmission of the virus.

To reduce community transmission, we need to ensure that the number of children and young people accessing the offer of provision at Scalby School is kept to the lowest number possible. Therefore, in line with updated government guidance issued on Friday, even if you are a critical worker, if your son / daughter can remain at home rather than attend school, on some or all days, then they should. Please only use the offer of provision when it is crucial for you to undertake your critical role.

We ask that you continue to show the same patience and compassion to leaders and staff at Scalby that you have demonstrated throughout this pandemic. If you have any queries regarding critical worker provision, please contact your son / daughter's Head of Year.

Stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

Yours faithfully

Chris Robertson
Deputy Headteacher