Dear Parents and Carers,

Following consultation with Public Health, the Health and Safety Department of Northumberland County Council and my Chair of Governors, school will remain closed tomorrow.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children and staff are self-isolating until Tuesday 23rd March as they have been identified as having been in close contact with confirmed cases of COVID-19. Furthermore, I do not currently have sufficient staff to enable me to open the school safely for children in classes that are not isolating. I am also concerned that there may be further cases to follow as we have had a number of calls about confirmed cases today.

Please inform me of any COVID-related cases via the school COVID email, covid19@ellington.northumberland.sch.uk, so that I can make an informed decision as to when it will be safe to reopen.

The school is currently undergoing a professional deep clean and fogging process to make the school as safe as we can for the children to return as soon as possible.

Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by a further school closure but I am sure that you will appreciate that our prime concern at the moment is the safety of everyone in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K. Vardy Headteacher