

We do hope you had a safe and peaceful time over Christmas.



It is with a heavy heart that we have reluctantly decided not to re-open Bradbourne RDA Group at the start of term planned for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

With the very high level of Covid cases in the local area which are likely to increase following Christmas get-togethers, as well as our hospitals already being full, emergency services overstretched, the uncertainties still surrounding the new strain of the Virus particularly the ease with which it spreads asymptotically, and the fact few people have yet had their first dose of the vaccine let alone the second, we do not consider it appropriate to invite riders and our volunteers to attend Bradbourne.

The aim would be to review the situation towards the end of January to determine if it would be safe to open in February, by which time it will be clearer the status of the Virus following schools re-starting and potentially their rollout of mass testing.

The ponies will be looked after, checked and cared for, and we will keep you notified.

We know this is hugely disappointing for you, but the most important point is that everyone remains safe and well so we can all look forward to more positive times once the Virus has passed and everyone is able to return to riding, carriage driving, events and socials at Bradbourne.

We hope you and your family keep safe, and we wish you a Happy New Year.

With best wishes

Sarah

On behalf of the Trustees