It is with a very heavy heart that I write this following the devastating news that we have been placed in tier 2.

Ever since buying The Chestnut Tree we have been 100% committed to protecting it as a pub.  Whilst serving food has played a part, we never wanted to be yet another village pub trading more as a restaurant.  Instead, we have always seen our role as providing our community with a welcoming place to come together.  Sadly, we are now being forced to operate in such a way to keep you all apart.

Previously under the old tier 3, pubs could only remain open with no mixing permitted between different households and alcohol only being served if accompanying a main meal.  Other pubs subject to these rules saw their trade plummet by up to 80% which must have been soul destroying for all concerned.

These are the restrictions we will now be subject to in tier 2.  I won't bore you all with details of how much this place takes just to heat etc but we have had to be brutally honest with ourselves concerning the impact this will have, both financially and emotionally, on us, our team and our finances.

We have therefore come to the difficult decision to remain closed until such time as we are placed in tier 1. We will be continuing to provide a takeaway service but are looking to make some changes to the offering so watch this space.  This week will be as normal, so phones open at 3 today for your orders.

We are both so sorry and hope that you all understand.  Much love and thanks for your continued support.

Peter & Rachel