



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, in response to the announcement made by the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, schools have been instructed by the government to close with effect from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 until at least February half term. Children who are not attending school should access remote learning. The seriousness and challenge that COVID-19 is presenting to our society should not be underestimated and this is one measure being imposed to help protect our communities.

Critical worker parents and children who are in the vulnerable group category

**School will remain open and we will be offering provision from today.** The children who unfortunately are not in the groups mentioned above, **will not** be attending school.

Schools will continue to offer places for vulnerable children and children of critical workers throughout the term as long as we have enough staff to provide childcare. The full criteria for critical workers can be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Many parents working in these key sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept safe at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.** We will be prioritising provision to key worker families where both parents are identified as key workers. This is to enable any level of risk to be reduced while on the premises and because teaching staff will also be completing remote learning for the children at home.

If you think your child may be eligible for keyworker care in school, please email school using the closure account: [closure@welbourn.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:closure@welbourn.lincs.sch.uk) . Please state:

- Your full name
- Your child/rens names and classes
- Both parents key worker roles or one if it is just one parent
- Provision needed

Please note that evidence of roles may be requested. We also ask that you detail this information even if your child received keyworker care in 2020.

Remote Learning

We aim to be able to begin remote learning tomorrow and we will send further communication out regarding this later today, including a timetable, suggested activities and resources. In the meantime, you can encourage your child to read, go on TTrackstars, access learning on the Class pages of the website and do some exercise.

Learning packs

Staff will be in school today to prepare printed learning packs to be collected from the bike shed. This will include the relevant sheets to support both online and independent learning. We will then continue to provide printed packs when requested on a weekly basis.

### Free school meals

If your child is in receipt of Free school meals, packed lunches on a daily basis will be available to collect from the office. If you require your lunches to be delivered, please contact the closure account. Universal Free school meal (which are provided for Reception and Key Stage 1 children) will not be available at this time.

### Laptops

We are aware of the pressure of online teaching and the accessibility of online learning to some families. We would like to offer the loan of our laptops to any children who do not have one at home or have more than one sibling in the household so that all children have the opportunity to access Microsoft Teams and the learning provided online. Please contact the closure account stating your name and the amount of laptops you require to loan. There will be a signed agreement for the loan of the laptop.

### Reading books

We will provide a selection of reading books to each class in due course, if you require any books in the first instance, please contact the closure account.

### Contacting us if you, or any of your household, have symptoms or test positive for Covid

Please remember that if your child or a family member within your household develops symptoms, please contact us as soon as possible. **Please now contact this mobile phone number: 07795983561** if you have a confirmed case within your family or have been contacted by Track and Trace to isolate. You will still need to inform us this week even if your child is not in school from today. I am happy for this number to be contacted in emergency, outside of the school hours and at weekends.

For all other enquiries, please continue to contact the school office via telephone or emails.

Once again, I would like to personally thank everyone involved in our school community in these extraordinary times of challenge. The children have been amazing all year, the staff on every level have shown commitment and dedication beyond any expectation.

Stay safe, remain positive and thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

