

## National lockdown: stay at home

You must stay at home. This is the single most important action we can all take to protect the NHS and save lives.

You must not leave your home unless necessary.

Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or bubble.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have heard in the news, we are entering another National lockdown and the school site will be closed to all but critical workers and vulnerable children.

This has changed the emphasis of the last couple of days. We already knew that as a school we were going to be moving towards this, but the message from Government is much stronger than we had anticipated.

Nobody here wants the children to be out of school any longer than they have to be. This is another situation that requires us all to pull together as a team. Please be patient with us and be kind to one another. We are all doing our very best. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and provide education for your children. Our staff team are working incredibly hard to ensure this happens.

### Remote Learning

We do not underestimate the difficulties that are associated with moving learning online.

Please maintain good routines with your children during this time ensuring they are accessing their home learning. We know that home learning is hard but we have developed our practice considerably since March last year and we know that we can provide remote learning which is significantly better and more supportive, with children being able to work and chat with their teachers and teaching assistants and each other online. This is where we want to focus our efforts, to ensure that all children have access to the same standard of education wherever possible.

Many of you have asked about support with technology at home. We are able to provide this and for a limited number of families we can provide internet connectivity with prepaid mobile sim cards, wireless routers and devices such as laptops and ipads.

In order to access this support please complete the form that will be sent via Parentmail where you will be able to detail the help that you need. We will send out this form tomorrow. From this, there will be a user agreement to complete which details the expectations for each devices use before its return to school.

### Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals then we will be in contact with you shortly. We will be operating a voucher system so that you continue to receive your entitlement.

### Vulnerable children, Pastoral, Safeguarding, SEND and Welfare support

We will be in touch with families who we know have vulnerable children or may need additional support at this difficult time. Our inclusion team will be contacting families whose children are SEND so that we can continue to help wherever we can. Over the course of this half term we will be welcoming back Kate Redden.

Yours sincerely,



**Daniel Farthing**  
Head Teacher