

# All Saints' Catholic Primary School



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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021

Dear Parents,

May I begin by wishing you all a happy new year. I would like to apologise for disrupting your Sunday. As many of you will be aware, there have been ongoing discussions with unions, SAGE, professional associations and the government regarding the return to school.

Over the course of today, after speaking to numerous stakeholders, I would like to inform you that we are moving to remote learning for a period of at least two weeks. School will therefore only be open to pupils of key workers and vulnerable children from tomorrow, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 7.45am – 5pm. Pupils of key workers and vulnerable children should come to school at the usual drop off time (Breakfast Club/Tea Time Club will remain open) at the usual entrance. Collection will also take place at the usual locations. If your child usually has school lunch, that will be provided. If your child usually has a packed lunch, please send a lunch in. Remote (online) learning will begin for all pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Staff will be in school tomorrow making preparations for remote learning and organising provision for pupils of key workers and vulnerable children.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you will be contacted tomorrow to discuss lunch options over the coming two weeks. Tomorrow, you will also be sent a reminder of how to access and use Teams.

This decision has not been made lightly and our preference would be to teach pupils in school however, after considering the risk assessment in light of reduced staffing in key operational areas (first aid, wraparound care, lunch supervision etc.) we do not have the capacity to ensure every child's safety at all times in school.

The list of key workers can be accessed here: [Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings) If you intend to send your children into school tomorrow as you are a key worker, please respond to this email so we have an idea about numbers and can organise bubbles.

I am deeply sorry for the late notice of this announcement. Closure of school is absolutely the last decision we wish to make but it is unavoidable at present. I am aware that multiple families have contacted school with concerns about the most recent developments with regard to CV19; please do get in touch if you would like to discuss anything further.

With every best wish,

Mrs. F. Stephenson

