

Eastwood Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government's announcement at 8pm yesterday that schools will close with immediate effect except for pupils identified as vulnerable or children of critical workers, we write to explain what will now happen.

School is closed today so that staff can prepare home learning resources and arrange classrooms and provision in school to support those pupils learning in school.

School will reopen tomorrow, 6th January, for pupils identified as vulnerable or children of critical workers. School will ring you if your child is eligible for a place. If you do not receive a call but would like to discuss the possibility of a place in school, please ring the office from 7th January.

Teachers will prepare learning activities for all pupils as normal. Pupils will receive the same work whether in school or working from home. Pupils in school will be supported by teachers while pupils working at home will be supported by online resources which we will text links to every day. All pupils are expected to complete learning activities on school days until the holiday. If working at home, your child is expected to be learning for a minimum of 3 hours per day.

Technology – if you are worried you might not have sufficient technology (laptops/tablets/internet access) at home to support your child with their learning, please contact us at school and we will do our best to support you.

Pupils who receive free school meals based on income/benefits assessment will continue to receive meals either in school if they are in each day or through food parcels collected from school weekly. All pupils will continue to receive their weekly Magic Breakfast items.

The school office will continue to be open and there will be staff on site all day as usual throughout this period. Please do ring / email if you have any questions or concerns and we will do our best to help you.

School will work in the way described above until February half term, possibly longer, as stated by the Government. We will keep you informed of any changes as they happen.

We apologise for yet another disruption to your child's learning but this situation is out of our control and we must follow Government instruction. As always, we will do our utmost to support you and your children throughout this period.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Carter

Headteacher

On behalf of the Eastwood Team.

