



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Update on School Closure

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information re school closures.

Further to messages sent out yesterday, I would like to provide more information about the Spring Term. I am sure you will have heard that there are ongoing discussions between the Government, Trade Unions, SAGE and other professional bodies surrounding the return of children and the growing concerns regarding high numbers of COVID-19 cases and the new highly transmissible variant of Coronavirus.

Following lengthy discussions, we will be moving to remote learning for the next two weeks. Children of Critical Workers and vulnerable pupils will be able to attend school from Tuesday 5th January 2021. Remote learning will be available for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6, whilst children are at home. Staff have been busy preparing these today so that it is accessible from 8am tomorrow morning.

Benefit Related Free School Meals

Parents of children who are eligible for free school meals will be contacted today. Parents and Carers will be able to collect a free school meal packed lunch from the site at an agreed time.

Critical Workers Children and Vulnerable Pupils

Further information regarding key workers/vulnerable pupils is available here:

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

Parents of children who accessed a place during the last lockdown have been contacted today. If your child did not attend during the previous lockdown but you think they are eligible, please email us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net outlining parent employment and contact details.

Remote Learning

As we have stated above, all children will be provided with remote learning from tomorrow. Those children who do attend school will access the same lessons as those children who remain at home. We have some laptops available should any families require technology support. At this time, we are prioritising children in Classes 11,12,13 & 14, but may have some available for other children if required. We will be writing to you later this week with more information about our remote education offer, and personalising it further to Delves Lane Primary School from the beginning of next week.

Google Classroom and Tapestry

If you require any support with login details for Google Classroom or Tapestry, please telephone or email our school.

We'll keep you updated once we know more about when the school will be able to reopen for all children. For pupils at home, we'll continue to support you and your child with home learning, and free school meal support for those pupils who are eligible. Staff will make contact via telephone and email to families to give assistance at least twice weekly.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office by telephone, or send us an email. We cannot welcome parents and carers onto the site at this time. Stay safe and take care of your families.

R Woods

Mrs Woods
Headteacher