



Sunday 3rd January 2021

RE: Decision to move to remote learning from Tuesday 5th January and close the school for all children apart from Critical workers and Vulnerable Families

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the weekend, Governors and leaders have established that it is not operationally viable or in the best interests of the school community for all children to attend Claycots School on Tuesday 5th January.

We will be opening for children of critical workers and for vulnerable children only at the current time.

Children of critical workers can attend school from Wednesday 6th January.

If you believe you are a critical worker, you will need to complete an online form (which will be emailed out on Monday morning) and wait to receive an invitation from school for your child or children to attend. The form will be sent out on Monday and the deadline for completion is Tuesday 5th January at 9.00am.

If you have a child who is deemed to be vulnerable (based on DfE criteria) you will receive a call from a member of staff on Monday.

For all other children, learning will be online or accessed through 'paper packs'.

I sincerely apologise for the short notice but I can assure you that I believe that I am acting in the best interests of our community of children and their families and staff.

Please keep checking your emails, the website and texts for communication, for example there will be more information for families entitled to free school meals.

Please do not send your child to school on Monday 4th January or Tuesday 5th January.

Please do not send your child on Wednesday 6th January unless you have received an offer of a place through email or by telephone.

This communication will confirm that there is a place for your child or your children. Please be aware that this information supersedes the email sent last week.

The Co-Chair of Governors supports the decision that the school has made in the best interests of its community and the Local Authority has also been informed of our decision.



On Tuesday 5th January, there will be online work available on the website and children will also be sent access to the online resources.

From Wednesday 6th January, all children will have access to live lessons delivered via Microsoft Teams accessible on a computer, laptop, tablet or phone via a link sent by email that does not require any account or login details. This email with details on how to access these sessions will be sent to you in the coming days. All sessions will be with their class teacher or a support member of staff. Online remote learning will last for approximately 3 hours with breaks for lunch and brain breaks. Children will finish remote online learning at approximately 1.40pm (Mon-Thu) with lessons finishing on Friday at 12.00 noon.

Further information about the accessing the Teams link to your child's class will be given out on Tuesday 5th January. Further information will also be given out on Tuesday about how to access paper resources from the school.

From Tuesday, all work for remote learning will be set-up via the Year Group pages on our website where there will be information specific to each year group.

Staff will, over the first week, be phoning home to have an individual conversation with you all to make sure that everyone is able to access the work and feels confident about using it. Remember not all remote learning needs to be live, there are many excellent resources on the internet which offer excellent educational input.

I want to assure you that Claycots will review its operational viability on a daily basis. This means that, if, at any point on any day, it becomes possible to open for more year groups or for all pupils this will immediately be communicated with you.

Best wishes,

Andrew Griffin
Executive Headteacher