



White Cliffs

Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the statement made last night by the Prime Minister, we are working towards implementation of the guidance relating to schools. We will be following similar patterns which were in place from the last lockdown, however, government guidance for this lockdown is different.

We will adhere to this guidance and do this as quickly as possible **but please do remember the announcements and guidance are published to you and the schools at the same time.**

National lockdown: Stay at Home

The Trust will remain open for children of key workers and pupils who may be vulnerable. Each school will provide education in the classroom for these children.

The wording from the government is very clear, the provision being made is **“If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below and you cannot keep your child safe at home.”** The expectation is that, if your child can be looked after at home by another adult, they should **not** be coming into school. This will help limit the spread of the disease and keep people safe and healthy.

Those classified as **key workers** are anyone working in the following sectors:

- **Health and Social Care** sector including doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers and care workers.
- **Education and Childcare sectors** including nursery and teaching staff, social workers and special education professionals.
- **Key Public Services sector** including court staff, religious staff, undertakers, journalists, broadcasters.
- **Local and National Government including** Government staff who are essential to the response to Covid-19 or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits.
- **Food and Goods sector including** Food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (hygiene and veterinary medicines).
- **Public Safety sector including** police and support staff, Ministry of Defence staff and the armed forces. Firefighter, National Crime Agency staff and border security, prison and probation workers are also included.
- **Transport sector including** those who keep air, water, road and rail service operating.
- **Utilities, Communication and Financial Services including** staff needed for essential financial services, IT and data, infrastructure workers who maintain oil, gas, electricity and water supplies. Also included are civil nuclear, chemical, telecommunications, postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

For some time, we have been providing remote education to support children and their parents should they be isolating, the government expectation is that all children take part and recommend:

- primary: 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort
- secondary: 4 hours a day, with more for pupils working towards formal qualifications this year

The Government have yet to confirm how they will be funding free school meals. As soon as we have the details, we will be contacting families with the arrangements. However, children of Key Workers who are attending school should bring a packed lunch.

Details for White Cliffs Primary School

From Wednesday 6 January 2021, the provision will run from 8:45am to 3pm for **key worker** and **vulnerable children only**. They should arrive at 8:45 am. Every Thursday, we will be submitting a live form on ParentMail for booking for the following week. Please complete and return the attached form to us electronically by 10 o'clock on Friday morning so that we know who to expect.

Children for whom we have received a completed form should arrive at school, in full school uniform, via the main drive and report to the member of staff on gate duty.

Please do not send your child in without completing the form and letting the school know as we have to plan staffing.

The details below outline what we have discussed and planned for your child to access and work on over the coming weeks. Details of how we plan for your child(ren) to access remote education over the coming weeks will be sent to you by Friday 8 January.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher