

Monday 4th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Lockdown and School Closure for the majority of Children
(except for vulnerable children and children of critical workers)**

Following tonight's announcement from the Prime Minister, we will now be moving back into a period of remote learning for the majority of our children. I realise that this decision will give us all so many mixed feelings – it is hard to put those feelings into words tonight.

Critical worker families/Vulnerable children

Children who are vulnerable (for example, if they have an EHCP or a social worker) or who have a parent who is a critical worker would still be able to access on-site schooling.

Given the lateness of this announcement tonight, I have agreed with our Chair of Governors and senior staff that we will have an emergency inset day tomorrow to allow for further plans to be made. This will enable us to safely plan for these children's provision in school. Therefore, no pupils will be on site tomorrow – we welcome them into school from Wednesday. Breakfast Club and After School Club is also closed.

If you believe your child is eligible for a place in this group, please complete [this Form](#) as soon as possible. Depending on numbers, we might have to prioritise who gets a place, so please complete the form in as much detail as possible, so we can gauge numbers. We will be in touch with parents if we aren't able to accommodate everyone who would like a place.

Remote Learning

All remote learning for your children will be available from tomorrow.

- Juniors - on their Google Classroom
- Infants - on the website

We realise that it might take parents a couple days to get your child's home-learning up and running again. Whilst we want our children to continue with their learning during this period, we appreciate it will feel new and difficult again!

Please be reassured that the children are used to both platforms from working in school, so it should all feel familiar to them. We will be going over some of the "how to dos" in Zoom sessions to support your child with this too.

Please do take a look at the [remote learning page of the website](#), which includes the policy and links to our home-learning platforms.

In the coming days, we will resend or update handy guides for Google-classroom and Purple Mash with ideas for you to use at home. We will all work together to support you at this time.

If you require paper copies, please let us know. We will let you know about arrangements for collecting and dropping these back to school.

We will start Zoom check ins on Wednesday – we will be in touch to confirm times. Please review the [parent agreement](#) with your child before those sessions start. If you have not yet completed the parent agreement [Form](#), we urge you to complete it now so your child will benefit from the contact with their teacher and their friends. We know this regular contact will support their emotional wellbeing, as well as being a way to support and motivate home learning. Please note - your child will not be able to attend unless you have signed the Form.

Please know all our Polehampton families are in our thoughts and prayers tonight. We want everyone to stay safe and well – we are already looking forward to the day we can all be together again.

best wishes

Miss Ball, Mrs Medcalf, Mrs Castell and Mrs Scott