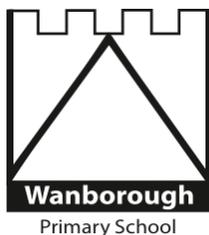


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Dear Parents

Following this evening's announcement, Wanborough Primary School will close to all children except those deemed vulnerable or children of essential workers from this evening.

Places can be offered to:

- Children who have a social worker and cannot be cared for safely at home.
- Registered Young Carers who cannot be cared for safely at home.
- Children who have an EHCP and cannot be cared for safely at home.
- Children whose parents are key workers and cannot be cared for safely at home.
- There is no requirement for parents to take up the offer of a childcare place.

The Government are asking all parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible. Settings are only being asked to remain open for those children who absolutely need to attend. Therefore, if one parent is a keyworker, and the other isn't, the expectation is that the child should remain at home. If both parents are keyworkers, but can keep children at home around shift patterns etc. then again the child should remain at home. The provision is intended for those children who **absolutely can't** remain at home, the more children who remain at home, the less chance of the virus spreading; which is why these measures have been introduced again.

**If it is not at all possible for your child(ren) to be safely cared for at home, please complete the attached registration form\* and email it to [admin@wanborough.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@wanborough.swindon.sch.uk). Please complete and return the registration form as soon as possible, but by **7.30am tomorrow morning**. You will be notified by 8.30am if your child is able to attend school. School will then be open for those children who are eligible to attend from 9am. The Headteacher's decision will be final in all applications. Please note there will be no breakfast club, hot meals or after school club during this period.**

**\*If it is difficult for you to complete and return the form, please just email us with the information required.**

We will therefore move to online learning from tomorrow. The expectations of online learning from the Government are below:

**When teaching pupils remotely, we expect schools to:**

- **set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects**
- **set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum: for Primary 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort**
- **provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos**



- have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern
- gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback, at least weekly, using digitally facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate
- enable teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding

Consequently, there is an expectation for parents to ensure that their children complete the learning activities to the best of their ability, as Teachers will be expecting to communicate regularly with the children both through teaching and giving feedback. We are sympathetic to the demands placed on parents and the problems with technology that can arise but hope that the children can establish good work routines and keep their learning moving forwards.

Finally, we hope you and your family keep safe and healthy during this uncertain time. I look forward to the school being back to normal as soon as possible, both the staff and I will continue to give the children our very best efforts in making the best out of this situation.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [head@wanborough.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:head@wanborough.swindon.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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