



# St Ippolyts C.E. (Aided) Primary School

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**LETTER NUMBER 2**

Dear Parents,

## **URGENT – PLEASE READ**

Following the Prime Minister's address to the nation this evening about the new national lockdown, I am writing to let you know that regrettably, **school is now CLOSED** to all pupils except those eligible for vulnerable or key worker places. This closure is expected to be until February half term.

**Please do not send your children tomorrow, even if they are key workers or vulnerable children** as we need a day to organise teaching spaces, pupil groups and staffing. We would reopen our key worker provision and commence remote learning for all pupils on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. Tomorrow the teachers will send an email detailing the times of the online teaching sessions on Google Meet and outlining what the children will need to do at home.

With this email, is a link to an online survey to request places in the on-site provision; please complete this as soon as possible; **the deadline for responses is tomorrow at midday**.

If your child is eligible for a place on-site, please note the following:

- There will be no Early Bird Club. School hours will be 8.45am – 3.15pm. All pupils will come via the main entrance.
- Children attending **will** be required to wear school uniform.
- Children will be organised into three small groups, consistent with our 'double bubbles' – Class 5 and 6 children will be in the hall, Class 3 and 4 children will be in Class 4 and Class 1 and 2 children will be in Class 1.
- These groups will be supported by Teaching Assistants. The children will be able to use a school laptop to access the remote learning provided by the teachers, the same as the children at home.

The purpose of moving education onto remote learning is to dramatically reduce the number of children and staff mixing in confined spaces and reduce the spread of the virus. **Therefore, please only take an on-site school place if you genuinely have no other option.** Please keep them at home where you possibly can, and only ask for on-site provision on the days you are working.

I can only apologise for the very, very short notice of this closure and I know it may have put you in a challenging situation this evening. I do hope you can appreciate that this has been entirely out of my control.

I will be in touch again tomorrow; we are putting together packs of exercise books and workbooks for Maths and English that will be available for collection as soon as possible and I will let you know when these are ready.

One of the things that was very successful in the last closure period was how we kept in touch through our weekly newsletter and using the Facebook page. I would like to continue this, so please do send through photographs and newsletter items as before.

We WILL get through this.

Kind regards,

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Mrs RE Peddie  
Headteacher

