



Arnside National Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer

I'm very rarely speechless but I am truly lost for words. As a result of the recent announcement **this evening**, school will be closing from tomorrow. Class teachers will be moving all learning online from Wednesday 6th January.

School will offer provision for Key (Critical) Workers only from Tuesday 5th January. However, we advise parents / carers to keep their child at home where possible during this period and to only access school provision as a last resort.

Booking place

On Tuesday 5th January, we can only accept pupils who have already confirmed their place earlier today in response to the request from the office. Moving forward, we ask that Key workers contact the school office to book a place for their child in school. This will ensure we have the appropriate staffing in place and can organise bubbles accordingly. We are provisionally planning to operate as two bubbles, EYFS / KS1 & KS2, which will be isolated from each other during the school day. *This may be subject to change as guidance is released.* Staff will be placed on a rota system to limit the number of people in school and allow class teachers to engage with the majority of pupils using the virtual platforms.

Timings

KS2: 9.00am start / 3.15pm finish
All pupils to use the main entrance

EYFS & KS1: 9.10am start / 3.05pm finish
All pupils to use the infant entrance

(If picking up from both Key Stages, please collect all of your children at 3.05pm)

Curriculum work

Pupils will predominantly access the same work set by the class teachers using the online platforms. Virtual learning can be accessed through Dojo for KS1 and Teams / Dojo for KS2. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any issues accessing the activities. This work will be available from Wednesday 6th January.





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School meals

School will not be providing hot meals and pupils will initially be required to bring a packed lunch. Once arrangements from Orian are confirmed, Parents / Carers should be able to book a packed lunch online using the Lunchshop system if this is required. Infants will continue to receive their free meal as normal but it will be a packed lunch. Please ensure you have cancelled your child's pre-booked meals.

Wrap-around care

We will continue to offer Arnie's after school provision but unfortunately there will be no Breakfast club. As usual, sessions can be booked using the Lunchshop system.

Additional information

Pupils should wear their school uniform plus any additional clothing to account for the well-ventilated classrooms. No equipment or resources should be brought into school unless requested by the staff. There will be no additional PE specialist sessions, School Church or music lessons during the lockdown period.

Thank you for your continued understanding during yet another challenging and difficult time. Initial arrangements are provisional and we will inform you on further changes in due course. Rest assured, we will always endeavour to support your family in every possible way.

Your sincerely,

Mr Sharp
Headteacher



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