



Birdsedge

First School

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Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your understanding and support around school closing today. Please find outlined below details of remote learning and the Key Worker provision starting tomorrow:

Remote Learning

See-Saw: For those children learning remotely at home, daily learning activities will be uploaded to your child's See-saw platform to be completed at the times of day most suitable to you.

Live Lesson: Teachers will be teaching their class live through Microsoft Teams for a 30 minute session every day. These will begin tomorrow and are at the following times:

Class 1 with Miss Hutton: 9:15am

Class 2 with Miss Haigh: 10.00am

Class 3 with Ms Spark/Mrs Waddington: 10:45am

Your child will be sent an invite to their Microsoft Office Account for each meeting.

Step-by-Step Guides of how to access both See-saw and Microsoft Office are on the school website:
[COVID-19 School Closure Arrangements | Birdsedge First School](#)

Our priority this week is setting up remote learning smoothly and ensuring a safe provision for children and adults in school. If you have any log in or technical problems, please do not worry. We will pick these up individually and help anyone who needs it. I will also be in touch before the end of the week with our plans for how we can continue with things like assemblies, House Points, rewards/celebrations and Forest Friday whilst in this period of remote learning.

Key Worker Provision

From tomorrow school will open to children of Key Workers or those children classed as vulnerable. These children will be supervised and taught in a safe environment and access the same learning that is set for those children learning at home to ensure consistency and equality for all children. For those who have been in touch with me requesting a place in school please note the following from tomorrow:

- Children should be brought to the white gates on Birdsedge Lane where they will be met by staff and taken into school at 8:55am
- At 3:25pm, children will be brought to the same gate for a prompt dismissal at home time.
- Children should only bring their coat, water bottle and breaktime snacks into school.
- Children should bring a packed lunch if they normally would or will be provided with a school lunch if they normally have school lunches.

Devices for Remote Learning

If your child does not have access to the internet or a device to access their remote learning on, please do contact me as a matter of urgency so I can try and put something in place.

Safeguarding and Support

The period of forced school closures is an unsettling time for many families and as a school, we aim to continue to support our pupils in every way possible. Safeguarding procedures remain in place and the Safeguarding team in school will be monitoring the welfare of our most vulnerable children. The Safeguarding policy for all schools in The Mast Academy Trust, in addition to an update for partial school closures from 5th January 2021 are available on each school website. Should any of our





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families have concerns around the safety or wellbeing of children from our school community you can contact members of the Safeguarding team directly for advice or support on the following email address: dwaddington@themast.co.uk. In addition, please take note of the services listed below, which can offer independent support and advice for young people and families.

Thriving Kirklees

Health Care advice, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support,
Healthcare Signposting
www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk
0300 304 5555

Northorpe Hall

Kirklees Children's mental and emotional health service
www.northorpehall.co.uk
01924 492183

Kirklees Children's services

Safeguarding Services
www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk
01484 456848

The Welcome Centre

Food Bank - Huddersfield
<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org>
01484 515086

Services for young people:

Thriving Kirklees

Chathealth – Text message services for young people - direct link to School Nurse
07520618866

Childline

www.childline.org.uk
0800 1111

NSPCC

Support for Parents and Children
www.nspcc.org.uk
Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000
Children – Via Childline 0800 1111

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the above with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest Regards

Mrs D Waddington.

