



WARTON ST PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carers,

As many of you will have heard this evening that along with all other schools in England, Warton St. Paul's CE Primary Academy will be closing to the vast majority of pupils from tonight, Monday 4th January 2021. We are working hard to gather all the information needed and to make robust plans to ensure all children, parents and carers needs are met. Due to the late announcement given by the Prime Minister this evening, we will need tomorrow to prepare and organise our plans to move to online learning. Tomorrow you will be sent information about our Home Learning and how to access this. There will be an expectation that all children will be able to access this from Wednesday 6th January.

If you believe you may be a critical worker please complete the online form today available here

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5hNk4QI8NwralnpxRN9HQTzHa91McJQ1tuqtBQ8Fv6S0xGg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Many parents working in these key areas may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
- Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

- If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision.

If your children do not fall into one of the categories for which school is open, these will undoubtedly be worrying and challenging times. As a school we want to make sure that you, your child and family are supported as much as possible over the coming weeks. All our staff will be working for you, regardless of whatever long term decisions are made by the Government regarding opening. We will be sending home details of our home learning arrangements and advice on how to continue your child's learning, in any capacity during this time.

If you have further queries please do not hesitate to email the school on head@st-pauls-warton.lancs.sch.uk.

Even if schools fully close, we are still here for you, we are available, and we will be in contact with you and your child. Our Academy is a family and whilst we may not physically see each other for some time, you are in our hearts, minds and prayers. We will be in constant touch, but in the meantime take care, stay safe and look after each other. Please click next to go to the form submission page.

Stay safe and take care,

Mrs Laura Dean
Headteacher