

The Enquire Learning Trust,
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5th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

You'll be aware that the Prime Minister has announced that all schools are now closed and that for most children, education will be continued remotely. From **Tuesday 5th January Welholme Academy will be closed to most pupils to further limit the spread of COVID-19 and help to keep our community safe.** School will reopen for children (from Reception to Year 6) who are considered to be vulnerable and also for children of critical workers on **Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

All pupils in nursery provision are expected in on **Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

The government recognises that some of your roles will be crucial in enabling the country to continue to function safely and effectively. If you are a critical worker and would like your child to attend school, please contact school today to request a place, **by 12oclock lunchtime.** We would ask that you provide proof of employment (and shift pattern where appropriate) in advance. Please be aware that we may need to check this information.

A list of those occupations considered to be critical can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>).

A child is recognised as vulnerable if they have a social worker or have an education, health and care plan (EHCP). **We will expect vulnerable pupils to attend school as normal.**

Remote learning will commence on **Thursday 7th January 2021.** We will contact you later today with details of how this can be accessed.

This means that **wherever possible, pupils should remain at home**. It is essential that we minimise contact over the coming weeks to give the country a better chance of controlling the virus. Schools across the country are under huge pressure as staff fall ill or need to self-isolate. This means that we will need to keep our operation under review, and it is possible that the school will need to close if we do not have enough staff to keep pupils safe. We will keep you updated in relation to this.

We will maintain regular contact with you to keep you updated of any further information. This will include details around school meals, safeguarding arrangements and the curriculum we will provide for those pupils who will be attending school.

Thanks for your patience in these uncertain and challenging times.

Yours,
Delyse Turrell.