



Gentleshaw Primary Academy

5th January 2021

School Closure & Home Learning Plans

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last night's announcement by the Prime Minister that lockdown begins again from today will have no doubt saddened us all. It is by no means a circumstance we wished to find ourselves in following months of changes, disruption and uncertainty, however the current national situation regarding Covid 19 makes it vital.

Due to the late nature of the announcement it has been necessary for the academy to close today. This is enabling us to make arrangements for critical worker and vulnerable children, plan remote learning for all pupils and begin to prepare for the weeks ahead. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

In the coming weeks the academy will only be open for the children of critical Covid 19 workers and pupils deemed vulnerable. There are limited spaces available and for the safety of children and staff we ask that when and where children can be kept safely at home that they are. Applications for these places were to be made by 12 noon today at the very latest.

What work will be set for my child this week?

For the remainder of this week (Wednesday 6th January – Friday 8th January) you will be emailed a home-learning pack and a bank of activities to complete by your child's class teacher. This email will be sent to you later today. If you require a paper copy please email the class teacher before 6.00pm this evening and we will endeavour to deliver it to you in the morning.

As we collate the number of pupils on site next week we are making plans as to how remote learning will begin from Monday using Class Dojo. I will share more detailed information with you about this tomorrow in a separate letter.

In preparation for next week and to access the 'Class Dojo Remote Learning' we require all parents to complete the '**Home Learning Agreement**' found on the academy website.

Please ensure that this is completed no later than **1.00pm this Friday**. There is an option to opt out of Class Dojo should you wish to.

If at any point you need to contact your child's class teacher, the academy office or a member of the leadership team, please do not hesitate to email or call.

There is no doubt that this is and will continue to be a challenging situation and I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. Please be assured that throughout this lockdown the children are at the forefront of what we do.

Your sincerely

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