

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure you will have heard that the Prime Minister has this evening announced a National Lockdown. I realise that this has been a rather confusing time for all, I have endeavoured at every point to follow the guidance that schools have been given and make decisions based upon this guidance and resources available, even when this has resulted in a situation like we have experienced over the past few days, whereby one school is closed, one is open for one day and then closed the next. I know that there have been many conflicting opinions over whether the schools should be closed or not and now the decision has been taken by the Government to close the schools to all but the children of Key Workers or those that are deemed to fall into a Vulnerable category.

As of Tuesday 5th January the teachers will be providing remote learning for their classes. Teachers will be in touch regarding how this will be organised. The remote learning policy is available to you all on the school website – this includes rules associated with any live video lessons. Staff will be checking in with you and your children on a regular basis, this may be through a live zoom lesson or through a phone call – this is to facilitate with any learning, any questions related to learning or for pastoral reasons. There is far more emphasis on Remote Learning during this lockdown. The learning is not just about consolidating existing learning, as it was during the previous lockdown, it is about teaching your children and moving their education on. Please ensure that your children are accessing this. If you are having difficulty with doing so, you have questions or need assistance please contact your class teacher or the office, and we will do all we can to assist.

We will remain open to all those children of key workers and those children considered ‘vulnerable’, and will be open for these pupils from tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January. If you are a parent or carer of these pupils, please ensure that you have requested a place, this provision is for those keyworkers where there is no other adult within the household who are able to look after your child/ren at home, please remember that the aim of the lockdown is to keep as many staff and children at home as possible. **From tomorrow this provision will be provided at Runcton Holme for both schools, this will be run by staff on a rota basis.** Further information for these children will be provided directly to parents. The staff in school will be supporting the children with the remote learning that has been set by the teachers.

I realise that this information is incredibly short notice, but we continue to adapt to the circumstances as they arise, and we commit to communicating with you as quickly as possible in these fast-changing times.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries, please do get in contact with us through myself on head@holycross.norfolk.sch.uk, or the office emails – runctonoffice@holycross.norfolk.sch.uk or wormegayoffice@holycross.norfolk.sch.uk. Mrs Fowl, Mrs Swanscott and myself are regularly checking emails both in school and at home.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at what has been a rather confusing time.

Mrs Zeil
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