



4 January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I am sure you will have heard the latest from Boris Johnson this evening, that schools are 'closed' with immediate effect.

I have met with the Twynham Learning Headteachers and Twynham Learning Executive Leadership Team this evening, and we have made decisions for our Multi-Academy Trust. We appreciate that these will not be universally agreeable, but believe that they will enable us to put in place a longer-term solution to the issues that have arisen this evening. While it has initially been indicated by the government that this lockdown may last for 6 weeks, we are working on the basis that it could be longer and therefore want to ensure that we put in place a sustainable model. We appreciate that in the short term this may not be ideal for all.

- A survey will be sent to parents/carers tomorrow morning which will be used to establish which pupils are children of critical workers. We need you to reply to this survey by the time stipulated.
- As a result of this survey, places within our critical worker/vulnerable children provision will be allocated and you will be notified of the outcome.
- Please think carefully about your need for this and if you can work from home then please keep your children with you. It is vital that we keep the numbers of children in school as low as possible for everyone's safety.
- Our critical worker and vulnerable children provision will begin on **Thursday 7th January** and will run during normal school hours. **This means that school will be closed for all children on Tuesday 5th/Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

In order to be able to give your children a high-quality online/remote learning educational experience over the coming weeks, this will not begin until Monday 11th January. A letter providing additional details of the remote/online learning will be sent to you later this week. Year teams will signpost pupils to activities that they can attempt in the meantime, sharing these with you through Class Dojo.

It is with great sadness that we are forced to close but we will ensure that your children get the best online learning they deserve to maintain their education this term.

Stay safe, look after one another and please contact us via email should you need to discuss anything.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Fuller
Headteacher