

St. Werburgh's Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

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Notification to Parents/Carers of Lockdown Arrangements

RE: School Arrangements Following Announcement of National Lockdown

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been informed today that additional restrictions to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) will be in place nationally from midnight on 4th January 2021. As such, I am writing to you to outline the arrangements for school that will come into effect from tomorrow.

The school will be open only to those children of critical workers and vulnerable children, as defined here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If your child is eligible to access childcare provision, we will contact you directly to confirm. If you believe your circumstances have changed since we first assessed your child's eligibility, then please contact the school on admin@stwerburghs.derby.sch.uk. It is important to remind our school family that we are only able to offer a limited number of places to ensure that our school can continue to operate safely and so we can contribute to minimising the spread of the infection in our area. **For this reason, we have been advised by our Academy Trust (DDAT) that where a child has two parents/carers with parental responsibility, BOTH MUST be critical workers in order for a pupil to be offered a place.**

Remote Learning Arrangements

It is important that the pupils who will be learning from home continue to complete educational tasks set by their teacher.

The school understands that each family's circumstances and their access to learning material for their children differs, and the responsibility to provide educational support at home can be difficult for families. It is, however, important that pupils remain engaged in education, even when they are not attending the school site. Where the school is providing online teaching, we would encourage all pupils to attend to ensure they are not missing out on vital education.

The school has arranged for pupils to access learning material remotely via Google Classroom. We will send all messages for your child via this platform, with details of when work should be returned. To ensure pupils continue to receive a high-quality education outside of school, the school monitors



pupils' attendance and their engagement with remote learning in line with our Pupil Remote Learning Policy.

These remote learning arrangements are in place to ensure that all pupils have access to education during this period of lockdown. We are, therefore, concerned that pupils who do not attend remote learning sessions or complete tasks adequately will fall behind their peers and struggle with lesson content when regular school activity resumes.

We advise all parents to make every effort to ensure that their child has access to and completes the learning material provided. Should your child be unable to access the learning material, please contact your child's teacher via email as soon as possible. If your child is unwell and is unable to attend remote learning sessions, please inform the school office on telephone number by no later than 8:00am, or as soon as possible should your child become unwell during the school day.

If, for any reason, you or your child experiences difficulties with the current remote learning arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact admin@stwerburghs.derby.sch.uk to discuss any alternative arrangements.

We understand that this is a very worrying time for everyone in our community and we are here to support your child in any way that we can. If you have any specific concerns that you would like to discuss with the school, please contact the school office on 01332 673827.

We will keep you updated on any changes to the local restrictions and how this impacts on the school.

Yours sincerely,

A Alton
Head Teacher