



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement on Wednesday, Yealand CE Primary will close to all pupils except those 'vulnerable' pupils and children of 'key workers' from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm.

Lancashire County Council have released the below statement:

*All individual schools will open from Monday 23rd March staffed by school staff who are not ill or not self-isolating for "vulnerable" children and "key worker" children on roll at that school. There is no expectation that pupils attending school access any greater level of teaching than those that are learning at home supported remotely by schools. We are waiting for the government to provide definition of "vulnerable" and "key workers".*

*If opening a school is not-viable due to reduced staffing the LA will work with the school to facilitate opening. This enables children and families to attend a school that they are familiar with and where there are adults who know them.*

*As time moves on the practicalities of keeping all schools open will be reviewed and we will support the development of locality hubs to continue to support our vulnerable children and key workers.*

Government statement as follows:

***'That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.'***

*Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.'*

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Children who fit the criteria set out; vulnerable children and children of key workers should arrive at school on Monday as normal, please bring a packed lunch, the school will not be accessing catering facilities during the forced closure. Please ensure children wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities and have a coat in school with them.

Please read carefully the statement set out by the Government as it is vital children stay away from school if they can be safely cared for at home.

Outside of this, children will remain at home.

During school closure, pupils will still be expected to complete on line tasks daily within the school working day.

Teachers will post work on either or both Purple Mash and Mathletics each morning before 9am, teachers will then be available to answer any queries direct through Remind and email between 9am and 9:30am.

Please note the days' teachers will be available to reply to any messages.

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Available through the working week.

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This work will continue to be posted until the scheduled break for Easter, should the closure continue beyond the Easter holidays, the school will make contact with more information.

A Class Blog has been set up in Purple Mash for Swallow Class, where they can let each other know what life is like to be at home learning. There is also an email facility that allows the children to email each other. Both these facilities will be closely monitored by staff, who can see everything posted on both resources. Year 2 and Year 6 SATs will not go ahead as planned however the green folders sent home with Year 6 children can still be accessed to keep up home learning.

This is a difficult time for all and some may be feeling quite anxious. Can I reassure all families that I will respond to emails and messages via Remind, if you are self-isolating and need support, please let school know. In line with recommendations I will make welfare calls intermittently during the next couple of weeks and will keep lines of communication open and new information flowing.

Thank you all for your continued support in what is a very difficult time for everyone.

With prayers,

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