

School Update Letter 3

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have, this morning, had more guidance from the Government regarding school closures and which children could be in school on Monday 23rd March after schools officially close at the end of today.

At present, Ecclesall Primary School will be open but eventually, there will come a time when several schools come together to form a 'hub' which may not be at Ecclesall. The Local Authority will co-ordinate this.

The main points are as follows:

- **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**
- 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 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.**
- From Monday we will not be teaching the National Curriculum and due to a limited number of staff, we will only be able to provide child care.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Further communication will follow as soon as possible regarding who will be prioritised for education provision from Monday.

Please don't send your child to school because you can, please only send them if it is absolutely necessary. At Ecclesall Primary School we are limited to the number of children we can accommodate due to reduced staffing numbers and to ensure we keep our children safe.

Kind Regards

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