

Winhills Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, last night the government announced that schools in England will be closed with immediate effect until February half term. In order to tackle Coronavirus and prevent the spread within our community, this means the majority of children studying at home during this period.

We will be opening to school to the children of Critical Workers (Key Workers) and to vulnerable children. All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school until further notice.

The list of Critical Workers can be found at:

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

If you fall into this category and require your child to be at school, please complete the following and return to school as soon as possible. If you do not fall into this category, your child should not be attending school. Failure to respond may result in a place being unavailable.

The message from government is clear; if you can work at home, you should, and your child should be with you.

Our nursery will remain open in line with government guidance and a separate letter has been sent with regards to this – you must confirm your place prior to bringing your children in.

If your children will need to be added to our Key Worker bubbles in future, **please inform us by the Thursday the week before**, to ensure we can plan staffing arrangements.

All Key Worker bubbles will begin from Monday 11th January; however, if you require your children in from tomorrow (Wednesday 6th January), please specify this in your return email (or contact the school office today).

Over the day, we will be uploading information on learning tasks that can be completed by your child this week to Class Dojo and our class webpage and you will receive further information about our online learning in due course.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding during this period. Please bear with us as we will forward more information to you as quickly as we can.

Yours sincerely

J. W. Turner

Mr John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (Part of the DLPT)

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