



Southfields Community Primary School

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Dear Parents

I and the staff wish you all a very happy new year and hope that you had a peaceful holiday break.

I am writing to update you on the current situation regarding schools and Covid 19. You will have seen the ongoing discussions in the media in recent days about the opening of primary schools in the light of an increase in cases with the new strain of Covid 19.

Unfortunately, I have had to make the decision to close Southfields Primary School to the wider school community from tomorrow Tuesday 5th January 2021. I will review the plans for week beginning 11th January later in the week. **This closure is due to the significantly reduced number of staff available to be on site and to provide the required safe ratio of staff to pupils.**

The school will remain open to those children of critical workers and those classed as vulnerable children. Pastoral staff will be contacting those parents today. School gates will be open from 8.40am and school will close at 3pm as normal. Please use the normal school entrances.

If your child is ill for any reason please do not send them into school but ring 02476226810 and inform the office staff of the nature of the illness. No parents will be allowed on the school site. You may also use our email enquiries@southfields.coventry.sch.uk.

Remote Learning

All children who remain at home will have FULL access to remote learning, including all subject areas (English, Maths, Science, History etc). This will be via the Class Dojo/Purple Mash platform. If you DO NOT have access to the internet or appropriate technology such as a laptop or ipad/tablet, please contact the office tomorrow morning on the above telephone number so that we can arrange all necessary resources for your child to access the same learning as their peers. The online learning will take place daily, during school hours and will be led by a teacher from the same year group. We will be providing feedback to your child on work completed. Staff from your child's year group will be contacting the children from within their classes via telephone, to conduct regular well-being checks. Please ensure we are able to speak directly to your child.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals (those based on eligibility criteria only), then the office will contact you this week to provide information about the arrangements for these.

You will be contacted by your child's teacher by end of day tomorrow with full information about what learning will take place this week AND any websites etc required. This communication will be via Class Dojo.

I am very disappointed that this closure has been necessary. However, as I am sure you will agree, our paramount priority is the ongoing safety of our pupils, their families and our staff.

I will continue to update you regularly via the website and Class Dojo.

Stay safe and continue to follow all Covid 19 Tier 4 guidance, available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E. Hedley,
Headteacher.