



Cranborne Middle School



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Monday, 4th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As many of you may have just heard, all schools across the country will have to close to all pupils apart from those who are considered vulnerable or those who have parents who are key workers from tomorrow.

We have only heard the news ourselves at 8.00pm and as you can appreciate, we now have to very quickly look to put in place our remote learning provision across the whole school. The plan for our year 7 & 8 pupils is already in place and I am very thankful to all parents for your support and patience with this.

We now need to put in place our provision for those students in year 5 & 6 and will look to provide a comprehensive overview of how this will look tomorrow morning. For year 5 parents it will be very similar to the offer experienced just before Christmas, when we faced an enforced isolation period as a year group. For year 6 parents, it will be similar to what we offered during the last full lockdown. All classroom codes, guides and support will be shared in full tomorrow morning, as soon as possible.

Most importantly, tomorrow we are OPEN for anyone from year 5 & 6 who falls into either of the categories highlighted below. At this late stage, we DO NOT require any information from year 5 or 6 parents, we will be ready to receive anyone tomorrow, so do please send your child in if required. To be clear, we are very willing and happy to receive anyone in school but must also recognise that the advice is to 'where possible' stay at home, so do please consider if this offer is required.

ALL buses will be running as normal and we will be providing a full canteen provision for tomorrow. This will likely change in time and we will keep you all informed of this.

We will be in touch tomorrow to confirm how families in receipt of free school meals will be supported and all of the other things we will have in place to support all children and families during this difficult time.

There will no doubt be further advice and guidance over the next 24/48 hours and we will look to keep you up to date with every change as and when it occurs.

This is again a very difficult and uncertain time for all and certainly a bitter blow to the entire nation. We do however have to accept that the safety and wellbeing of the entire Cranborne Middle School community is paramount and has always been our priority and this decision will hopefully help to ensure this remains the case.

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Kind regards

Mr R Stevens
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Critical workers are those who work in:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services (including the justice system, religious staff, charities delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting)
- Local and national government (those who are involved in delivering the coronavirus response or essential public services)
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

Vulnerable pupils are those who:

- Are assessed as being in need, including those with a child in need plan or child protection plan
- Are looked after by the local authority
- Have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- Have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable by the school or LA, including children who:
- Are on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services
- Are adopted
- Are at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
- Are living in temporary accommodation
- Are young carers
- May have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study) We will not be offering paper copies of work this time.

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