



Dedicated to the Happiness of all Our Children - Success No Matter What!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure

Apologies for interrupting your Christmas and New Year break, but as you will be aware, the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, made an important announcement last night, which directly affects Medway Schools.

Due to infection rates being so high in Medway, we have fallen into an area designated for the Contingency Framework. Therefore, Chattenden Primary School will be closed to most pupils from next Tuesday 5th January 2021 (Monday 4th is an Inset Day), initially for 2 weeks (until 18th January 2021).

School will only remain open for Vulnerable children and those children of Critical Workers.

Please remember that the primary advice from the government is to stay within your household and minimise contact with anyone outside of your household. Households must not mix. Your child should be kept at home in order to reduce the spread of the virus. The government advice is that children should be cared for at home.

If you fall into the category of Critical Worker AND you are unable to care for your child at home, then you may bring your child to school for a reduced provision.

If you fall into one of these categories, you are able to send your child for school **IF you are unable to care for your child at home:**

Health and Social Care	Education and Childcare	Key Public Service
Local and National Government	Food and other necessary goods	National Security
Transport	Utilities, Communication & Financial Services	



If you feel you fall into one of these categories AND you still wish to send your child to school because they cannot be safely cared for at home, please email the school office on office@chattenden.medway.sch.uk by Sunday 3rd January 2021 by 12pm. We will have to consider the emails carefully and check whether they fall into the relevant definition. We reserve the right to ask for proof to confirm the position of employment. Someone will then contact you on Monday 4th January to confirm that you fall into this category and that you may then send your child to school from Tuesday 5th for this reduced provision.

Vulnerable Children: School will remain open for our Vulnerable Children. These are our children who have a Child in Need plan, a Child Protection plan or who are Looked-After Children. If your child has an education, health and care (EHC) plan, they will also fall into this category. You will receive a call on Monday from myself to confirm your attendance.

Please note that the ability to run the school will depend on staffing levels. Teachers will be primarily focusing on providing online learning for most of our pupils, who are staying at home. There will be no Breakfast or after-school clubs. School will run from 8.50am-3.20pm for those children who are eligible to attend.

Online Learning

Your child's learning is vitally important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- Please go to <https://www.chattenden.medway.sch.uk/> , click on "Our Learning" then "Home Learning".
- Work will be posted on the individual pages for the relevant Year Group (except for Reception Class). Every day by 9am, the class teacher will post work on their class webpage which is to be undertaken that day.
- Work should then be emailed back to the teacher daily via the Year Group email addresses so that their teacher can provide feedback:

Year	Email address to email work back to
Reception	Tapestry will be used to provide learning and work can be sent back on there as well
1	Year1@chattenden.medway.sch.uk
2	Year2@chattenden.medway.sch.uk
3	Year3@chattenden.medway.sch.uk
4	Year4@chattenden.medway.sch.uk
5	Year5@chattenden.medway.sch.uk
6	Year6@chattenden.medway.sch.uk

We will arrange for collection of workbooks from the school site next week, so that children can record their learning in a workbook if they so wish.

I thank you all again for your support during this difficult time. Staff are continuing to work and act in the best interests of the country and a lot has been asked of the education sector throughout this pandemic. The new vaccination brings hope for us all, but until then, we will have to weather this storm. Our children have been extremely resilient up to this point and I know they will continue to make us proud.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Boyjoonauth

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