

Dear parents,

As I am sure you are now aware, the country is going into a lockdown from midnight tonight and from tomorrow schools must move to remote learning except for the children of critical workers and those children considered vulnerable. As such, from tomorrow Shade Primary is closed to all children save in those groups.

If you have emailed me today or tonight requesting a place for your child then they should attend school tomorrow; times will follow normal school 9.00 – 3.30 unless you are doing a half day which would be collection at 12 or 12.30. I will send details home tomorrow with your child re the group and timetable they are following.

- Arrive at the Knowlwood Road main entrance and wait for the adult on duty to let them in
- Wear school uniform
- Bring a packed lunch
- Collect from Knowlwood Road entrance.
- There will be no school street

The remote learning for all children will start on Wednesday as teachers need tomorrow to get everything ready. The teachers will be delivering the daily remote education in line with our Remote Learning Policy shared back in October so please spend time tomorrow ensuring that you and your child can log on to Teams. Your teacher will be able to deal with any problems tomorrow.

The children in school will be supported to access the very same remote learning by the adults responsible for their group so all children will be completing the same work.

I'm sure that you are as frustrated as I am that this decision was announced tonight rather than at the weekend but we have spent the day getting ready as I explained in my earlier letter so hopefully all will go as smoothly as it can.

Your child brought home a letter re access for remote learning. Please email me with your needs as you now can't return the slip. I only need to know if you have a problem. Remember laptops are not a necessity; tablets and smartphones will do just as well.

According to the announcement, this will be in place until half term but I am sure that by us all working together we can make a success of the learning within this time. Our aim is to keep the heart of our lovely school alive and look forward to better times.

My very best wishes,

Helen Clarkson