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**Potential move to remote learning**

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Dear Parents,

As I am sure you are aware from the media, there is much confusion regarding a move to remote learning in our local area and across the country. Secondary schools and schools in three out of the four areas that border Welwyn and Hatfield have been told to move to remote learning until at least January 18<sup>th</sup>. Teaching unions have issued advice to teachers and support staff that it is unsafe for them to return to work. With that in mind, I will be meeting virtually with staff and governors tomorrow to discuss the issues we face further and await advice from Hertfordshire County Council.

In the meantime, we will plan for both eventualities, full opening as normal, or remote learning for all except key workers and vulnerable children. This is an ever-changing situation with updates being given to head teachers at the very last minute and at the same time as the rest of the country.

**Remote learning**

If it is decided to move to remote learning, we will follow our remote learning protocol previously communicated and available on the school website.

<https://www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk/the-holy-family-school-remote-learning/>

**Key worker and vulnerable children**

In the event that we need to move to remote learning, school will only open to children of key workers and those children classified as vulnerable, for example children that have an EHCP, this does not include siblings of children with an EHCP. If school does move to remote learning, it will be because we are **aiming to reduce contact between children in school and it is unsafe for a full return**, as parents you must consider this if you decide to send your child into school as a key worker. **You should only use this childcare facility if you have no other options and you are not or cannot work from home.** Children in school will be supervised to complete the remote learning set by teachers and will receive learning in same way as the other children that will be working at home. We will not have capacity to 'teach' children, as teacher's time will be taken up planning for, setting and responding to remote learning. Should the numbers of key worker and vulnerable children be too large for us to supervise safely, the advice is that this is 10% of our children which equates to around 20 children, we will need to ask that both parents are key workers unless you are a single parent.

*'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate with Jesus.'*



Please fill in the information on the link below and provide proof of employment via email (e.g. a screenshot of employers' letter or work ID) to [admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk). We will contact you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January if we are able to provide a place in school for childcare in the event of the move to remote learning. Please fill in the survey by the tomorrow morning at the latest.

**Key worker families**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YknOpvjHcU-1jK5Z3MfNotcJdnB-ZiIGrMzoLLTG\\_cxUNFc3VzM5TUQ4UVoxQU5USjk2VIIFMkxCSy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YknOpvjHcU-1jK5Z3MfNotcJdnB-ZiIGrMzoLLTG_cxUNFc3VzM5TUQ4UVoxQU5USjk2VIIFMkxCSy4u)

**Children with an EHCP**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YknOpvjHcU-1jK5Z3MfNotcJdnB-ZiIGrMzoLLTG\\_cxUQ0tQUzdZODdSTENNUIIxMVIJWk0zTVIZQS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YknOpvjHcU-1jK5Z3MfNotcJdnB-ZiIGrMzoLLTG_cxUQ0tQUzdZODdSTENNUIIxMVIJWk0zTVIZQS4u)

Please see a link to the guidance for who is classified as a key worker below

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision)

With regard to supporting children with limited access to technology, as identified in a previous survey, we will contact you tomorrow. Please note that we only have capacity to support our pupil premium children in the first instance and that we will only be provided with equipment for some identified children in KS2 from the DFE, we have not yet received this equipment. We will however, aim to support all our families as best we can, prioritising our pupil premium families.

I apologise that I cannot offer more certainty at this time but strongly feel that planning for all eventualities is for the best. You have been a wonderfully supportive parent community during these incredibly difficult times for our school and I thank you for your continued support over the next few weeks in particular.

Kind regards



Mrs Katie Linnane  
Head Teacher