



## WALSINGHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“We all play our part to achieve excellence in everything”

Tuesday 5th January

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, last night the Prime Minister informed us all that primary schools in England would be closed from today.

This was a surprise as on Sunday 3rd January he told us all that all children should return to their primary schools on Monday 4th January.

However, the school staff have once again risen to the challenge of providing quality home learning for all children and it is vital for your child's education that children engage with the learning tasks. We appreciate that this can bring challenges to families and teachers are happy to contact you by email or telephone to help.

If staff have concerns that children are not engaging with the work set then the Department for Education expects us to contact you directly.

If you would like any additional activities to do with your children then you will find plenty of links and ideas on our school website.

I will be in touch with parents entitled to Free School Meals once the DfE have clarified the situation.

Some of our schools are open, with a minimal number of staff, to care for the children of critical workers. Given the highly concerning infection rate of the new strain of Coronavirus, we expect parents to use this service only if absolutely necessary. The purpose of the national lock down is to minimise contact between people wherever possible so the fewer children and staff that have to be in school the better.

It is anticipated that home learning will continue until at least February half term, however if this changes I will of course contact you immediately.

I hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Dolan'.

Miss Mary Dolan  
Executive Headteacher