

## SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you further following the national lockdown. I hope you are all keeping safe and well in these very difficult circumstances.

All teaching and support staff are working in school to care for the children of critical workers and those who are vulnerable as well as supporting children learning remotely. We have moved rapidly in the space of a few days from a situation where the Government was clear that all children should attend school to one in which schools are asked to educate children remotely whilst providing onsite education to those whose parents are key workers. I am grateful to parents and staff for adapting so swiftly to the ever-evolving situation.

We are experiencing increasing demand for key worker places. I ask you to only use this provision if necessary. Key workers may send their children to school either only on the days when they require in-school provision or for the whole week.

Remote learning lessons for all year groups continue to be shared by staff via our DB Primary learning platform each day. You will notice a few changes as we move forward in order to streamline work upload etc. Remote learning is similar to the content accessed in school in order to ensure all children have access to the whole curriculum offer as far as is possible. Our offer fully meets, and indeed exceeds, Government requirements.

We want every child not in school to be accessing remote education. I am very conscious that each and every family faces a unique situation and that this can change suddenly. Many are adapting to changed working patterns and others coping with illness. Please do what you can to support your children, but you should not feel that there is necessarily a right or wrong approach. We are dealing with very challenging times.

Staff will be regularly checking DB Primary during the course of the school day to review children's learning and offer feedback. Please remember that your child's teacher and support staff will also be involved in teaching those pupils still attending school so may not be able to respond immediately.

Telephone calls from your child's class teacher in which they will review children's learning with them have begun. Please be aware that the call may display as coming

from an unknown number. Teachers are keen to support our children and to offer support and advice.

If anyone has any issues with accessing remote learning, please get in touch with the School Office. They will be able to supply passwords etc. If you have any issues with access to technology, then please let the School Office know in order that we can support you.

Children who are learning at home but who are entitled to a free school meal are able to be provided with a food hamper from school kitchen should it be required. Please check your emails when we contact you to inform you of collection arrangements.

I thank parents for your continued support at this time.

I will write to you again as soon as I have any further updates to share.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tait