



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, announced an immediate national lockdown.

During his public address from Downing Street, the PM confirmed England will enter another national lockdown in which all schools will be required to move to remote learning, except for children of key workers and vulnerable pupils.

He also confirmed that everyone will have to stay at home except for limited, essential reasons.

- All schools, colleges and universities will move to online teaching, and will only remain open face-to-face for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers.
- You may only leave home for limited reasons permitted in law such as to shop for essentials, to work if you absolutely cannot work from home, to exercise, to seek medical assistance such as getting a Covid test, or to escape domestic abuse.
- If you are clinically or extremely vulnerable, you are advised to begin shielding again and you will shortly receive a letter about what this means for you.

Communication

It is vital that you keep us informed of any positive Covid tests. This will enable us to offer you support, if needed, and help protect our Critical Worker Pods and Staff.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Our amazing Family Liaison Officer, Helen, is available should you need help and support during lockdown i.e. for food, financial advice/support, well-being assistance. She can signpost you to a wide range of organisations, should you need help.

Email – helen.fennell@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk Telephone - 07840918699

Critical Worker Pod

We have three Critical Worker Pods – Pod 1 EY/KS1, Pod 2 Y3 & 4, Pod 3 Y5 & 6. Each pod will have between 12 – 15 pupils and be led by a teacher and at least two teaching assistants.

Please [click here](#) to complete the form, if you have not already done so, to secure a place in the Key Worker Pod by Thursday 7 January so that we can ensure sufficient staff are allocated to each pod. Information regarding who is considered a critical worker can be found [here](#).

If your circumstances change, please email us at office@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk

From Thursday 7 January, all children attending the critical worker pod will need to bring a packed lunch from home please.

Free School Meals

The government hasn't yet made a decision regarding Free School Meal vouchers. At Pilgrims' Way, we have decided that we will be processing vouchers for all eligible children. This will take a little time to organise but we will process this as soon as possible.

Home Learning

The teachers are working hard to get our home learning system back up and running. For the rest of this week, you can access home learning activities linked to the children's current topic by visiting their class home page on the school website [please click here](#). From Monday 11 January we will be returning to our previous home learning systems. Each Monday morning, by 9am, your child's home learning for the week will be available on their class page of the school website. This will consist of a daily Math's and English lesson alongside other curriculum subjects for the week.

We hope that all children complete the home learning, if you feel you will find this difficult due to IT access please contact us and we will try our best to help you.

If you need any support with the home learning you can contact your child's class teacher directly via the ClassDojo app. This also allows you to send pictures of your child's home learning directly to the class teacher.

Yours faithfully

Miss AM Middleton
Headteacher