

Dear Parents / Carers

This evening at 8pm, the Prime Minister announced that all schools will shut from tomorrow until the February half term for all pupils apart from those who have parents who are key workers or who are classified as vulnerable pupils. These are pupils with an Education Health Care Plan or who have involvement with social care.

Unfortunately, due to the extreme lateness of this announcement, **we will have to close to all pupils for tomorrow only**. We need time to organise which children fall into the above categories and which staff we have available to be in school. Many of our staff will have children at school and they may well need to look after their own children tomorrow.

I would ask that for those families where both parents/carers are a key worker or a single parent family where that parent/carer is a key worker that you apply for a place in school for your child/ren by emailing before 1pm tomorrow to:

lynne.rowitt@billinghay.lincs.sch.uk

lindsay.stephenson@billinghay.lincs.sch.uk

Please state in your email:

The child/ren's name:

Key worker job - parent/carer 1

Key worker job - parent/carer 2

We may ask for further clarification/information.

If your child falls into the vulnerable pupil category then please also email school if you would like them to have a space at school.

We will then let you know tomorrow whether your child has a space from Wednesday 6th January. Again, this depends on numbers of pupils and staff availability. I sincerely hope that we will be able to offer all pupils who fall into the above categories a place in school from Wednesday.

For all other pupils, we will start remote learning from Wednesday 6th January. A copy of our remote learning policy and other information on accessing Microsoft Teams for Remote Learning can be accessed on our website: www.billinghayprimaryschool.co.uk. Select the Key Information tab then Curriculum and If your child is self isolating or a bubble has to close. Staff will be in contact with all parents tomorrow with further information. For pupils in the Kingfisher Reception class, staff will communicate with you via Tapestry.

There are a number of other issues to consider such as provision of Breakfast and After School Club and providing free school meals to those who are eligible.

Thank you for your understanding and apologies for any inconvenience but with such a late announcement I feel we have no other option.

Kind Regards

Mr R Allen, Headteacher

