

Dear Parents,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement this evening, I am writing to confirm that Trinity First School will again be closed to most pupils as we enter the national lockdown. This is a very sudden change of plan on the part of the government and again as school leaders, we were given no indication that it was coming. Instead we have been told repeatedly to prepare for all children returning to school tomorrow. It saddens me enormously to have to close our doors but this is what we must do.

Due to the late announcement, we will be closed to **ALL** pupils tomorrow to enable us as a staff to plan the safe return of key worker and vulnerable children on Wednesday, as well as the online teaching and learning we will be providing for all the pupils at home from Wednesday. However, we understand that for some families this will create an enormous issue. So, if you desperately need childcare tomorrow because you are expected to go to work and have no alternative, please email [trinityfrome@gmail.com](mailto:trinityfrome@gmail.com) before 8am tomorrow morning to let me know and we will provide **emergency childcare** for your child between 9am and 3:15pm tomorrow. We will not be providing learning for any child coming to school tomorrow and we advise that wherever possible, parents keep their children at home. We will not be able to run Kites and Trinity Plus tomorrow but hope to be able to work out a way of continuing these provisions from Wednesday for the families that need them. I may not respond to individual emails but if you have emailed to request emergency childcare tomorrow, please bring your child to their usual gate at 9am. This provision is intended to be used as a last resort only.

If you are a key worker or you believe your child is within the vulnerable group, please email the school office by midday tomorrow to request a place for your child, explaining your reasons and also letting us know if you would like to access Kites or Trinity Plus if we are able to run it. We will let parents know as soon as possible after midday tomorrow if there will be a place for their child and what the arrangements will be. We will be running school as close to normal as possible for those children so we will expect the children to attend full time, unlike during the first lockdown. If possible we will operate a bubble per year group, but this is one of the things we need to determine tomorrow. The school office email is [office@trinityfirst.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:office@trinityfirst.somerset.sch.uk)

We will also share more information regarding the online learning for pupils who will be staying at home as soon as we can tomorrow. If you have not yet completed and returned our survey asking about internet access and availability of computers at home, please do so as soon as possible as this will help teachers work out what you need in order for your child to be able to access successful learning at home.

I am sure you can imagine that we have many things we need to organise at very short notice. Please bear with us as we try to make the best decisions possible for our school community. Throughout the pandemic, your support as parents has been tremendous and it has helped to make an often impossible situation manageable. I cannot thank you enough for that support, especially as it often comes in the face of rapidly changing situations and at a time when there are many reasons for us all to feel very anxious. I hope our whole school community is able to stay safe and well and that we will be up and running properly again soon.

Kind regards,

Amanda Seager