



# VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **School Closure**

As per the Government's announcement yesterday evening, Vallis First School will not be open to most pupils from now until after half term in February. We will however be open for Keyworker and Vulnerable Children.

## **Remote Learning**

School staff will continue to come into school and teachers will be putting on Google Classroom some daily Maths, English and topic learning for your children to have a go at. Through the Google Email system, you can email your child's class teacher with completed work so they can email back any feedback. You will be notified of any 'live' class sessions via the Google system. Please let the office know if you have issues regarding devices or access to Wi-Fi.

## **Keyworker/Vulnerable Children**

If you have registered your child with the school office as a Keyworker or Vulnerable Child, then please bring them to school at their existing drop off time (ie. same as the Autumn term) and collect again at their existing pick up time. All other routines and protocols from last term remain the same. If you think your child falls into a Keyworker or Vulnerable Child category and you have not yet informed the school office, please do so as soon as possible so they can be added to the class lists. Please note that Vulnerable Children are expected to be in school 5 days a week.

## **Lunches**

During this national lockdown, we will continue to provide packed lunches for all Universal Infant Free School Meal and KS2 benefit based free school meal to all pupils who attend school. These will continue to be free of charge. We are awaiting further Government advice about our options for benefit based free school meal pupils who are not attending school. We will contact those parents when things become clearer.

## **Uniform**

For children attending school, we would like them to continue to wear their school uniform please.

The current situation was probably inevitable considering the wider UK and world picture but hopefully we will be able to welcome everyone back soon.

Yours faithfully

Nick Firkins  
Headteacher

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – Vallis First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.