

St James' Blackburn Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year! In usual times, we would be welcoming all of our children back to school at the start of what should be a very busy and enjoyable Spring Term. Clearly, the announcement of another national lockdown has changed things.

As you will now be aware, the government has required all schools across England to close to the majority of pupils with immediate effect. As with the previous lockdown, school will be open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children throughout. Should you require a critical worker place for your child, please contact the school office.

One of the things I have been most impressed with since taking up my new role at St James' is the quality of the remote learning that has been developed throughout the pandemic. All of our children will be receiving quality educational provision from their class teachers. You will receive further information about this in due course and advice and guidance for using Microsoft Teams is available on our website.

Whilst we have not received much information regarding the lockdown, we do know that schools are expected to remain closed to the majority of children until at least February half-term. During this time, our staff will continue to work tirelessly to support all our children and families.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be upgrading our website and messaging services to ensure that we are able to communicate more effectively with you throughout this ever-changing situation.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support and co-operation. I know how difficult this is for everyone but there certainly seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel and I am confident that we will see a gradual return to normality over the coming months.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any concerns regarding the current arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. Sticher
Headteacher