

## Falcon Junior School

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Dear parent/carer

Following the Prime Minsters announcement last night, I am writing to confirm arrangements with you regarding your child and Falcon Junior School.

From tomorrow, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Falcon will be open for Critical Worker children and vulnerable children only. The situation has changed overnight in that we are now in a national lockdown where people are required to stay at home and work at home if at all possible. Therefore, please do not use our Critical Worker provision if your child can stay at home. The government have said that support and childcare bubbles can be used by families.

Remote Learning for all pupils not attending school will commence tomorrow using the Google Classroom. Teaching and support staff will be working in the Google Classroom and will be contactable by both pupils and parents during the hours of 9am and 3pm. They will not be contactable outside of these hours. Staff will be offering two Google Meets, one in the morning and one in the afternoon to deliver teaching and learning to children, set children up with independent activities and discuss any issues. Invites will be sent to children who will be using their @nsix emails.

Experience from our remote learning before Christmas has shown that there may be some teething problems at the start as children get logged on, remember passwords and so on. However, these are quickly overcome as everyone adjusts to a different way of working. Please be patient as the remote learning commences. We have received training from the DfE funded EdTech Demonstrators in Google Classroom so we are excited to be using it with your child. Staff are discovering new ways of doing things all the time and we will greatly value your feedback.

Children can access the Google Classroom through a range of devices including mobile phones and gaming devices. If you require paper copies of work, please let your child's class teacher know and we will arrange this for you. Any work that is completed on paper can be photographed and uploaded to the Google Classroom or sent via email and Dojo.

In terms of time scales, the Prime Minster indicated that we will be in this situation until February half term, perhaps even longer. I will, of course, keep a very close eye on the situation and keep you informed with more information when I have it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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Mr E Savage Headteacher