



Dear Parents/Carers,

4th January 2021

As you will no doubt be aware, the Government has this evening announced school closures to take effect from Tuesday 5th January.

Due to the short notice of the announcement, **on Tuesday 5th January school will be closed to all pupils.**

From Wednesday 6th January school will remain closed to all pupils **except** for those that are classed as vulnerable and pupils whose parents are critical workers. For the most recent critical worker list, please follow the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are eligible as a critical worker, **and are unable to keep your child at home**, please request a place using the email address criticalworker@poultonlancelyn.wirral.sch.uk stating your child's/children's name(s) and class(es). **Your place will be confirmed via email as soon as possible.** Children who attend school will be supervised by Teaching Assistants for the completion of online learning.

At Poulton Lancelyn for the duration of this Half-Term, all lessons will now transfer to online learning via the Seesaw platform.

On Tuesday 5th January and Wednesday 6th January, learning should be completed using the links to the Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize via our school website

https://www.poultonlancelyn.wirral.sch.uk/web/remote_learning_/507155

From Thursday 7th January, the children will be invited to attend a daily live Zoom meeting with their teacher at 9a.m. The Zoom meeting code will be provided each day via Seesaw. Activities will be uploaded daily and will follow the sequence and rigour of a normal timetabled school day. Teachers will also outline additional activities that children should be completing each day such as RWI Phonics, Reading, Spelling, Mathematics, TT Rock Stars as appropriate. Teachers will provide regular feedback about the work and activities that are completed. 'helpme' emails will be re-activated to enable direct lesson related communication with class teacher. If your child does not have regular access to Seesaw, please contact the school office and work can either be emailed to you or sent via 1st class post.

Many of our staff are also parents so we completely understand how challenging it can be to support home learning and well-being, whilst also fulfilling your own work commitments. If your child is struggling to stay motivated, please email the teacher using the help me email address. Teachers will support you with this. Further guidance for supporting your child with home learning can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

If you are in receipt of free school meal funding, please contact the school office to request lunch if this is required. (This does not include KS1 Universal Free School Meals)

If you have any other questions, please contact the school office. In the meantime, we will continue to be supported and directed by the DFE and Trustees of Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust.

Our designated COVID section of the school website will provide up to date information that will be useful in supporting your child at home during this challenging time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Arnold
Headteacher