

# JOHN EMMERSON BATTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## ACHIEVE BELIEVE CHALLENGE

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Closure of School Arrangements – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### School Closure- Who Should Attend School

As you no doubt will be aware, the Prime Minister has now announced that all schools in England will close for most children from tomorrow, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

From tomorrow onwards (until after the spring half term holiday) all children must not attend school unless they have parents/guardians identified as being in the Critical Worker group or your child has been identified as being vulnerable. A list of criteria for these groups are included at the end of this letter. Please do not bring your child to school tomorrow if they do not fit in to one of these two groups.

Please could we politely ask that if you or your partner is a critical worker, but there is child care available at home, that you do not send your child to school. This will reduce the number of people in school and thus reduce the risk of transmission.

#### Arrangements for Tomorrow

We will shortly be sending a parentmail form out asking for parents and carers to confirm if they are classed as a Critical Worker. Please complete this if you are and also identify which days you will need your child to attend school. There is space on this form for you to indicate this.

As we appreciate not everyone will have access to this form and may not have filled it in by tomorrow morning, all staff will attend school tomorrow and admit those children that parents and carers confirm are included in the critical workers group. We would then ask everyone to complete the form to give us a better understanding of which children will be attending school in the days to come.

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## Arrangements for Children that will Attend School

Please note that children attending school from different age groups will be taught together in line with the previous lockdown arrangements in March 2020. Here the children will often work with different staff to their normal teachers and will be expected to complete the activities set by their class teacher in line with remote learning activities being provided to those children not accessing school.

## Remote Learning

As per our Remote Learning Policy the class teachers in each year group will set work to be completed at home using the email and Teams accounts which were provided to all parents in the autumn term. Staff will also provide a timetable outlining when they expect different activities to be completed and invite the children to view either live or recorded video at set times of the day. Individual staff will inform their own classes about when they should log on to view videos and live sessions. This provision will start from no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## School Meals

For those children attending tomorrow, school meals will be provided in school as normal. I am not sure at this stage what the arrangements will be after tomorrow, as we will need confirmation from the Trust regarding this.

Arrangements will be made to provide those children not in school that are eligible for Free School Meals with either a food parcel or a voucher to use in local stores. At present the details of this are not confirmed by the government.

Please note free meals and vouchers will not be provided as part of the Universal Free School Meals Scheme in UFS and KS1 where all children receive a free meal as a matter of course.

## Breakfast and After School Club

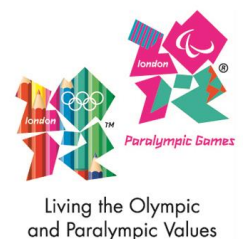
Please note that during this lockdown, Breakfast and After School Club will not be running, as per previous arrangements in 2020.

## Communication

We will continue to use [schoolclosure@johnbattyprimary.co.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@johnbattyprimary.co.uk) for communication between home and school about non-curriculum general matters.



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## Thank You for Your Support and Understanding

Finally, can we express our gratitude for the support and understanding the school community has expressed during this difficult time.

We will be in touch tomorrow to provide a further update.

With our very best wishes to you all. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kitchen'.

Martin Kitchen  
Head Teacher

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## Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

## Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

## Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

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## Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

## Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

## Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

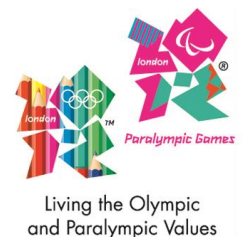
## Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas



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## Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

## Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors



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