



## HALES VALLEY TRUST

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### School Closure

Dear Parents & Carers,

The Prime Minister announced a national lockdown this evening. This means that there will now be school closures for all pupils apart from the pupils whose parents are key workers and vulnerable pupils.

In order to ensure that we are able to organise quality remote learning and also organise the in-school provision for pupils whose parents are key workers and vulnerable pupils **we are closing the school to ALL pupils tomorrow - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. Remote learning will be available for all pupils from tomorrow – please use the usual methods to access this (Tapestry and Google classroom).

If you think that you or your child falls into one of the categories above and you cannot make any other arrangements to keep your child home from school, then please complete the form on Parentmail that the school will send you and return to school by **12.00 midday tomorrow**. The school will then analyse the responses and organise the groups, so that these pupils can come into school from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. The school may ask for evidence that parents fall into the key worker category.

#### **Key workers include people working in:**

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

**Vulnerable children** include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

Hales Valley Trust and the school want to do all we can to support the country during these unprecedented times. Our staff are committed to providing care for as many children as needed, whilst also looking after their own health and their own families. The steps the Government have taken in closing schools is to minimise social contact in an attempt to stop the virus spreading.

We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. We

appreciate your continued patience with this situation as we deal with this ever-changing situation.

Thank you again for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanna Turner".

Joanna Turner  
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Mackinney".

Jeannette Mackinney  
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