



# Coddington C of E Primary and Nursery School

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## Half Term and Key Worker Provision

Dear Parents / Carers,

The government has announced today that schools will not be reopening before 8 March 2021. The Department for Education has confirmed that schools will not be open to pupils during the scheduled half term (15-19 February). There will be no remote learning scheduled for this week as we feel that both the children and you the parents need that chance to go and do something fun (if anything is open).

The critical worker provision and remote learning will resume on the week beginning the 22 February.

We are facing increased requests for key worker places. I ask that you consider carefully whether your role is critical to national infrastructure as detailed in the government guidance and whether there is someone at home that can care for the children some or all of the time. We recognise that there are some children who are vulnerable and those that need to attend school because their parents are involved in key critical roles and we will always try to support families where we can but at the same time, we need to ensure the safety of the children and adults in school.

The purpose of the part closure on the 5 January was to reduce the numbers of children in schools to reduce the spread of the virus. With very high numbers of cases and deaths across the country, we must be mindful to maintain reduced numbers in school, so that everyone can get back to normal as soon as we can.

Ultimately, we want everyone to be in school and have access to face-to-face teaching with their teachers. We recognise that remote teaching, while much better this time around is no replacement for face-to-face learning. Remote teaching places an incredible workload on staff who are trying to effectively teach two classes simultaneously (Online/Face to face). We do this because we know it is the right thing at this time to keep everyone as safe as we can.

If the numbers of children needing to access keyworker provision continue to rise, we may need to open additional bubbles, meaning that our ability to keep those children in school safe is reduced, as is our ability to deliver high quality remote learning.

We look forward to the day when we can have you all here, but for now, I ask you to consider whether you are able to keep children at home to complete their remote learning, and if their attendance in school is essential.

Kind regards

Mr Head  
Acting Head Teacher



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