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Re: National Lockdown

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government's announcement to instruct Primary Schools to move to remote learning and open only to vulnerable children and children of critical workers late last night, school staff have been working incredibly hard today to prepare for tomorrow and the term ahead.

The Government's decision is based on the rapidly rising number of COVID-19 cases across the country and the intense pressure on the NHS. Limiting attendance of children in school will reduce the number of contacts that people have with others from other households.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 and EU transition response, who have registered for 'critical worker' places can return to school tomorrow, along with identified pupils who have been contacted by our pastoral team. These children will remain in their normal class bubbles and it is likely that they will be with their class teacher. Staggered drop off and pick-up times will remain the same as the Autumn Term and control measures are in place to keep members of the school community safe. Please remember to wear a face-covering for drop-off and pick up times and keep your children with you at all times to minimise risk of transmission. Please arrive on time and leave promptly at the end of the school day.

For all other children, remote learning will be set via Purple Mash, which most children are already familiar with. We will be enhancing our home learning offer, which will include 'Teacher Meets' via Zoom to give children the opportunity to have face-to-face contact with their class teacher and peers. Further information will be sent out about later in the week. If you require any technical support regarding home learning, please email helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk
All other communication for class teachers should be through the appropriate channels, via the school office by email and not through your child's Purple Mash account.

If your child does not have any form of shared technology, please email the school office and we will arrange for a home learning pack to be made available and explore the possibility of a loaned device. Work packs will be provided for all Reception children and we will contact you later this week to make arrangements for these to be collected or distributed. In addition, if you require exercise books for children across school, please also contact the school office and we will arrange for these to be made available.

For identified children and children of 'critical workers', who will be attending school and are already registered for Kidz Klub, provision will remain open for their allocated sessions only.

For children attending school, 'grab bags' will be provided to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and children with Free School Meal eligibility. Children who are **not** attending school with Free School Meal eligibility can arrange to collect a 'grab bag' each day by emailing enquiries@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk in advance.

Nursery will only be open to identified children and children of 'critical workers' in line with the rest of school, who have registered a place with the school office. These children can attend their usual sessions only.

Thank you for your support, patience and understanding during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Colothan, Executive Headteacher



***'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'* Philippians 4:13**

