



## Spring Term Update

Following the recent announcement by the Prime Minister, I can confirm that TPS will remain closed to pupils and visitors through to half term, subject to review. This is due to the National Lockdown designed to slow the transmission of COVID-19 considering the very high numbers of confirmed cases and the fact that the National Health Service is under great strain.

It follows that schools have an obligation to act in a manner to put the safety of the children and staff first, though I appreciate that this will have a significant impact on TPS families and the children. Please be reassured that my colleagues and I will be working very hard to ensure that the remote learning offering to all year groups is as comprehensive as possible from the start of the term.

We will open on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to welcome the children of 'critical workers.' They are the only permitted pupils on site as per the criteria in my recent letter. I would ask that this provision is only used if absolutely necessary and where parents have registered for the service.

Remote Learning will start on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for all year groups, starting with a Whole School Assembly via Zoom at 8.45 a.m. Details relating to the curriculum and timetable, along with information about the remote learning platforms will be sent to parents. As the children will require physical resources including exercise books, text books and reading books, we anticipate opening the school on Saturday morning for parents to visit and collect packs for their children. We will provide information on the timings for this exercise later today.

In the meantime, may I express my thanks to you for your ongoing support and patience at this time as we adjust to the change of circumstances. I am confident that we will be just as successful during this Lockdown as we were last year.

With best wishes,

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