

# HAWKSWORTH WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I am sure you are all by now aware of the very sudden announcement made by the government late last night. It was announced that we will enter a second full national lockdown and that all schools nationwide will close from today with the exception of the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

## **Thank you!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and many of you for your kind words and emails. It is really appreciated. Our HWPS team have pulled together and it is lovely to see everyone's tremendous efforts and dedication to getting things up and running for our pupils in such a short space of time.

## **Key Worker Places**

If you feel you meet the criteria of a key worker and you need a place for your child in school please contact [covidhelpline@hwood.org.uk](mailto:covidhelpline@hwood.org.uk) specifying your name, your child's name and your job title and someone will be in contact with you as soon as possible. Parents of vulnerable children will be contacted to offer a school place based upon the current government guidance.

## **Remote Learning**

All children who are not able to attend school will have online learning available to them. Teachers will be in contact with you over the next couple of days to talk through, to both parents and pupils, on how to access home learning via Seesaw. If this is accessed on a computer or laptop the following web address may be used: <https://app.seesaw.me>. If a mobile device is being used for home learning the Seesaw app must be downloaded.

As a guide to the expectations of home learning, the government have asked that Primary Schools provide children with a minimum of three hours home learning daily. We will do all we can to help you with this.

Home learning will be uploaded to Seesaw as of tomorrow (Wednesday) morning by 9.30am. Home learning for Years 1- 6 will consist of:

- A daily Maths lesson
- A daily English lesson
- and a topic subject as Science or Art.
- Weekly class assemblies will take place via Zoom, so look out for the link in your emails as the first one will be this week and it's a wonderful opportunity for the children to see each other and talk to their teacher

There will be an expectation that all children engage in home learning and work is uploaded on Seesaw for teachers to access. Teachers will be able to respond and comment on the children's work. If you are unable to access Seesaw please let class teachers know and we can discuss how to resolve this problem.

### **Free School Meals**

At the moment we are not sure if the free school meals voucher scheme will resume. Leeds Catering Agency will provide weekly hampers for families entitled to means tested Free School Meals from the end of next week. In the meantime they can provide a daily grab bag for you to collect from school for your child. Please either email [office@hwood.org.uk](mailto:office@hwood.org.uk) or leave a message on the school answer phone if you would like one and we will contact you when these are available to collect.

Over the coming weeks we may not be able to continue to work with our HWPS family for all pupils in the normal way in school, but hopefully this will not be for long and I know that our community will be looking out for one another. If there are any further concerns or questions regarding school closure please feel free to email us.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Take care and keep safe.

**Eleanore Pickard**  
**Headteacher**