

*Love God, love others*

*Let your light shine*



**THE BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED)  
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS' FEDERATION**  
*BELIEVING, CELEBRATING, SUCCEEDING*



EXECUTIVE HEAD TEACHER: MR. A. ORLIK

5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Announcement of National Lockdown and School Closures**

I am sure you will be aware that the Prime Minister has announced a new period of national lockdown and school closures to start immediately. Guidance from the Department for Education states that *during the period of national lockdown, schools, alternative provision, special schools, and colleges will remain open to vulnerable children and young people and the children of key/critical workers only. All other children and students will learn remotely until February half term.*

**Home or remote learning at Blue Coat**

During the closure, children should access and complete learning activities set by their teachers online every day through their Purple Mash access and the Blue Coat You Tube channel. If you do not have login details for your child to access this provision, please email your child's year group team straightaway and they will help. If your child does not have access to the internet at home, please email your child's year group team or Family Support and request a Home Learning pack. Contact email addresses are included at the end of this letter.

**Key (or Critical) Worker Provision at Blue Coat**

There is some provision available for children of Key/Critical Workers. If you are a Key Worker you can apply for a place by completing this form (the form can also be found on the school website):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlEsgKkXh7pH8lgRkvLgEQ3XXHo1PqEa9PBL74JHa9o4wrA/viewform>

If your child has been allocated a Key Worker place the office will confirm this with you.

**Free School Meals at Blue Coat**

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals we will contact you directly to arrange for you to collect a food hamper later this week. We are waiting for further guidance about support (such as vouchers) for families entitled to Free School Meals during the lockdown period and we will contact these families as soon as we have any new details.

**Blue Coat CE (A) Infant School**  
Head of School: Mr. D. Matthews  
Hanch Place, Walsall, WS1 3AF  
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Email: [postbox@bluecoatfederation.co.uk](mailto:postbox@bluecoatfederation.co.uk)

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## **Family Support**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need help or support in any way. The family support team can be contacted directly by emailing: [familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk](mailto:familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk)

The challenges we are facing as a community continue and my thoughts and prayers are with all the Blue Coat families at this immensely difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Mr. A. Orlik  
Executive Head

### **CONTACTING US**

***The best way to contact us is by phone—01922 720921 or 01922 720740 or by email:***

***postbox@bluecoatfederation.co.uk***

We hope families understand that we can not allow visits to the school buildings at this time.

### **THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS**

**nursery@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

**reception@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

**year1@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

**year2@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

**year3@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

**year4@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

**year5@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

**year6@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

The inclusion and safeguarding team can be emailed:

**familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk**

