

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



4th January, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing with details about this week's closure of the Infant and Junior Schools. Both schools will be closed until the end of this week. We will write to update you about plans for next week later in the week.

The decision has been made to close the schools due to low staffing levels linked to advice from professional associations regarding the safety of schools being open at this time. The governors and staff are reviewing the Federation's risk assessments and safety procedures to ensure that the school environments are as safe as they can be.

Home learning

During the closure, children should access and complete learning activities set by their teachers online every day through their Purple Mash access. 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 Worker Provision

There is some provision available for children of Key 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/1FAIpQLSdlEsgKkJXh7pH8lgRkvLgEQ3XXHo1PqEa9PBL74JHa9o4wrA/viewform>

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

Free School Meals

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.

Thank you for your continued support and resilience in these very difficult circumstances. A decision to close the schools is never taken lightly and we really appreciate the difficulty that last minute changes can make for families.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. A. Edwards
Chair of Governors

Mr. A. Orlik
Executive Head

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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 would like to keep the number of visitors into the school buildings as low as possible.

THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD’S TEACHERS

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year1@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

year2@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

year3@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

year4@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

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The inclusion and safeguarding team can be emailed:

familysupport@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

