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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your patience and understanding in my decision to close the school to all pupils today, following the Prime Minister's late announcement on Monday to close schools to most pupils. Giving parents and carers such little notice of closure is not how I like to work but unfortunately, on this occasion and as other Head Teachers nationally, I was given no option. As throughout this pandemic, when you hear about school closures so do I. I do not get any prior notice.

Again, as throughout this pandemic, I have not yet received further guidance from the government re the finer details but will share them with you as and when I receive them. One other ambiguity following the Prime Minister's announcement is that of provision for Nursery pupils. In his announcement, he stated that Nurseries should stay open but we are not clear yet whether this is just private day nurseries and Nursery schools or whether this also applies to primary schools with a Nursery class. Once I have clarity on this I will let you know.

Today my staff and I have been working on how we move forwards to prepare for remote learning until at least half term and for how to provide education in school for our vulnerable pupils and those whose parents are key workers.

You should, by now, have all received an email with a form to complete and return to school if you feel that your child meets either the vulnerable or critical worker category. Please email these forms back to school as soon as possible. Please do not assume that because you have submitted a form, your child will automatically be offered a place. Once we receive your application, we will then get in touch with you to confirm whether or not your child has a place, when that place will start and all other details you will need to access the place.

Remember, where pupils can stay at home they should.

With regards to home learning, as previously Home Learning Packs are available on the school website. This will run for the remainder of this week. We are hoping that as from next week we will move to a more online based teaching approach with some scheduled live teaching sessions each day that you will be able to access via Microsoft Teams. Full details of this will be sent to you via email, including login details for your children and some guidance for how to get started.

Should any families require support to access this, for example, due to a lack of access to devices, then please get in touch with your child's class teacher by email, explaining your issues and we may be able to help you.





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We also await details of provision for pupils who are eligible for free school meals, i.e. food parcels or vouchers and if vouchers which provider. Again, once I receive information and clarity on this matter I will let you know.

As in the previous lockdown, staff in school are here to help and support you and you can contact us via email at [enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@paget.bham.sch.uk) or your child's class teacher's email or you can call the main school office on 0121 464 3902 or the Pastoral Mobile on 07493 838 732 (call, text or Whatsapp). You can also get in touch on Twitter – we would love to see all that learning that is going on at home @PagetPrimary.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and I will continue to keep you updated as the situation unfolds.

Take care and stay safe,

Vicky Nussey  
Head Teacher

