



# Ernesettle Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister announced that all schools are now temporarily closed. Over the coming weeks, schools will once again take on a different role in support of the national efforts to manage COVID-19. **I have tonight liaised with the Trust Board and we have decided that Ernesettle Community School will remain closed tomorrow to prepare for this.**

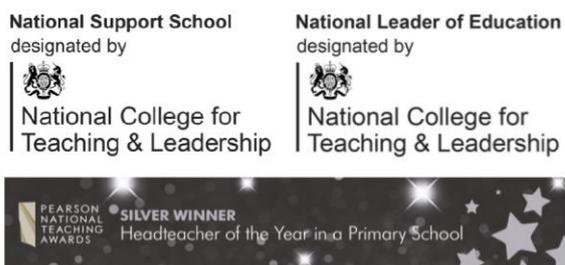
From Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, we will continue to maintain provision for children of critical workers and vulnerable children only. This means that if your child is not a vulnerable child and you are not a critical worker, they will be unable to attend Ernesettle Community School. All paid Nursery/Pre-School sessions that are unused will remain as a credit on your account.

As previously, vulnerable children are defined as children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and children subject to a Child Protection Plan and Children in Need Plan. The occupations which fall into the critical worker category are available by following this [link](#). We will be in contact with you tomorrow about the provision for Wednesday onwards; **if you have emailed already, you will need to email again tomorrow** following our further communication. Unfortunately, we will only be able to care for the children in the defined categories due to the Government asking for there to be far fewer children in schools. The Government have stated that this will help us to once again slow the spread of Coronavirus and these measures are crucial to make sure the critical parts of the economy and public services keep functioning.

As I am sure you can imagine, every member of the team will be working hard tomorrow to ensure the smooth transition to remote learning and essential schooling for key worker and vulnerable children from Wednesday. To assist us with this, please try to avoid phoning or emailing the school unless you are responding to the communication about critical worker children, which we will share tomorrow morning. We will contact you directly if we deem your child to be a vulnerable child. **If your child previously attended as a key worker child, you will still need to provide the additional information that we will request tomorrow.**

We know that everyone is anxious about the current climate; however, we will do our utmost to support families where we can moving forwards. During this forthcoming lockdown, we will once again provide some learning and relevant websites for the children to complete at home on a regular basis during term time.

We understand that many of you will have questions about the weeks ahead; please be assured that we will pass all of the information we have to you, when we have it. At present, we have no answers beyond what was talked about in this





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evening's announcement, but I will be in contact again in due course. We will continue to provide any information via Xpressions and email.

I would finally like to take this opportunity to thank the incredible staff team for their commitment and dedication to the children, more than ever during what will be a very challenging time. Please do let us know if there is anything else that we can be doing to support you and your child. Our staff continue to be passionate about doing their best for your children and will do everything that the Government will allow us to.

I will be in touch again tomorrow morning. Thank you for your support, patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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