

ABBEY ACADEMIES TRUST
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Following Mr Johnson's Government announcement an hour ago, we are very disappointed that primary schools will be closed from tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January, for the latest lockdown. We do however understand the need for us to keep our children, staff and families safe at this difficult time. Obviously our keyworker and vulnerable children remain a priority. As during the first lockdown from March 2020, we will be opening Bourne Abbey which is the largest of our 3 schools. From **Wednesday 6th January** keyworker and vulnerable children will be able to attend Bourne Abbey from any of our 3 schools. We apologise for the one day we need to be closed, Tuesday 5th January, but you will understand that this is to ensure we can put arrangements in place to keep all of our children safe. Our SENCOs from each school will contact all families tomorrow to ensure provision is in place to support those children with additional needs and you at home.

From Wednesday 6th January our Kids' Clubs will be closed and one teacher and a TA will be in place at Bourne Abbey for each year group for keyworker and vulnerable children. Our bubbles will not exceed 15 pupils. In school the children will be taught the online learning that will be uploaded to Seesaw each day from Wednesday 6th January. The teachers and TAs working from home, will ensure that your children's work is marked on a daily basis.

We feel confident that our online learning will be successful as it was trialled with early class bubble closures last term. As ever, we understand that home learning may be challenging for you as parents/carers and we urge that you contact us if this is the case by email on:

Bourne Abbey BAP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk
Bourne Elsea Park BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk
Colsterworth CSW.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk

Senior Leaders from across the Trust will be working at Bourne Abbey throughout lockdown to ensure all children, parents/carers and staff in our Trust are well supported during these challenging times.

As difficult as it is, you will appreciate that Mr Johnson has stipulated that parents/carers should work from home if they can. This means that both parents/carers should be keyworkers in order for us to facilitate safely keyworker provision in school. If you believe you are a family with two keyworkers or you are a single parent keyworker, please contact us tomorrow on the school enquiries email address including evidence of your keyworker status and we will contact you. This will enable us to set up registers ready for Wednesday 6th January and ensure we have appropriate staffing in place. We will be able to provide details about arrangements for drop off and collection later tomorrow.

Obviously we have also been informed that nurseries are to remain open and therefore our Abbey Ark provision will continue as normal from tomorrow Tuesday 5th January.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any worries or concerns.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Headteacher