



# Senacre Wood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I hope this letter finds you well and you have managed to enjoy an understandably different Christmas this year.

Following on from the Government's announcement this afternoon, **I am writing to inform you that we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, due to heavier, localised restrictions.** It is hoped that this will only be for two weeks and the Government will be reviewing the situation before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

However, we will be staying open for the children of critical workers (see list on page two), children who have a social worker attached to their family, children who are young carers and children with an Education Health Care Plan. If you fall into the above categories, please text the school on 01622 320051 or email [office@senacre-wood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@senacre-wood.kent.sch.uk) with your job role, if you are a critical worker, by 4pm tomorrow so we can plan appropriately for the next two weeks. Breakfast Club will still be open from 8:15am and we will still be operating the same staggered start and finish times.

If you do not fall into the above categories, your child will access learning via our online learning platform, Seesaw. It continues to be important for your child to access learning in this space, as it is a vital link with your child's class teacher and their class mates via the blog and the planned activities provided. If you need support with accessing Seesaw via the smartphone app or website, please call or text the school.

If your child usually receives free school meals and is staying at home, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide school lunches for the next two weeks.

We appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family, but we will continue to keep in touch via email and text with any updates as the situation develops.

Kind regards,

Emily Sweeney  
Headteacher

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# Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

## Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

## Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

## Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

## Local and national government

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

## Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution

- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

## **Public safety and national security**

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

## **Transport**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

## **Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors