

# Seghill First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are very disappointed not to be able to welcome you and the children back to school tomorrow. Despite the very best efforts of Mr Ruler, he could not get the heating to come back on this morning after it switched itself off. Following an engineer visit, a new part has been ordered. We will reopen to children as soon as the part has been fitted and the heating is working. In the meantime, school will remain CLOSED tomorrow and possibly for the rest of the week. I realise that this is disappointing news but this situation is beyond our control.

How we will reopen remains uncertain. I believe that the Prime Minister is making an announcement at 8pm tonight. As you will no doubt appreciate, an announcement at 8pm tonight gives us very little time to put our contingency plans in place, even if school is closed to pupils tomorrow.

With that in mind, we have planned once again for stricter lockdown measures, similar to the one between last March and June. I have no indication that this will happen, however the more prepared we are for every eventuality, the better.

In a stricter lockdown it is likely that school would be partially closed and we would be asked to remain open only for critical worker and vulnerable pupils. The remainder of pupils would be educated remotely.

## **Vulnerable pupils**

If we feel your child meets the criteria within the vulnerable category, we will be in touch to offer your child provision. You can make us aware of any possible vulnerability unknown to us (eg family circumstances, child / family mental health etc) via our admin email address.

## **Critical worker provision**

In the event of a partial closure, we would also continue to offer critical worker provision to families in which at least one parent is a critical worker. Critical workers cover a range of different professions and are defined in the following guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Please complete and submit the [google form](#) by 9:00am on **Wednesday 06 January 2021** if you are a critical worker and would want your child to continue to attend school full time in the event of a partial closure due to a national or local lockdown. You do not need to complete the form unless you are a critical worker and you want your child to attend school in the event of a partial closure.

## **Remote learning**

Again, in the event of a partial closure, we would switch to remote learning. Remote learning will be provided via Tapestry for children in Orange and Yellow class and via Google Classroom for children in Red, Green and Blue class.

Class teachers can be contacted directly with queries regarding remote learning using their email addresses-

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The school email address should be used for general information-

[admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk) This email address is checked every day.

Just to repeat, this is simply school collecting information to help us prepare for all eventualities. At present, we plan to open to all pupils in all year groups as soon as the heating is fixed and unless directed otherwise.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell

Headteacher