



HOLY TRINITY C of E ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support we have received this week. The staff have really appreciated your comments and have enjoyed reading and responding to the children's work.

Following Monday's announcement, Holy Trinity will remain closed for most children until Monday 22nd February 2021.

We will remain open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children. If you are uncertain if your child falls into either category, please follow the link: [Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-of-critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)
Please contact us on Monday using the enquiries@holytrinitycalne.wilts.sch.uk address.

This week has been particularly challenging due to a high proportion of staff absence coupled with an overwhelmingly high number of requests from parents wanting a place for their child. The staff have been uniformly brilliant in stepping up to tackle this new way of working. We have investigated a number of learning platforms and have found that SeeSaw is the most-child friendly and reliable online application for our school.

Teaching staff are working hard at giving feedback and responding to the children's work. We know how difficult it will be to support your child within the constraints of your personal situation. It may be that three siblings are sharing one device, your child may be using your mobile phone to respond to home learning, internet connectivity may be an issue or you may be working remotely in your job roles throughout the day (whilst trying to support your child). We recognize that everyone is different and thank you for the work you are doing. I have contacted the Department for Education to secure more digital devices and in addition we are trying to source more devices locally. These are challenging times for us all. Please use best endeavours when supporting your child and let us know if you are finding things difficult.

The Government have announced that Year 1 phonics screening, Year 2 standardisation and Year 6 SATs have been cancelled this year. As a school, we will continue to assess where children are and what they need next in all stages of their learning.

We all look forward to the time when we can all be together again.

Kind regards

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Courses for parents to help support remote learning

Our Family and Community Learning Team is providing a range of online courses for parents including help to support children with remote learning. Parents will need either a laptop, tablet or smart phone with WiFi to log in online, some enrolment criteria does apply but the team will provide further details and talk through individual circumstances.

To find out more please visit the [website](#) or contact the team via email at familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Are you concerned children will find the latest lockdown difficult? Support is available

There are a number of online resources that provide ideas on how to talk through concerns with children. Please have a look at the links below for ideas.

[Triple P UK](#) has a parenting area with information, tips, tools and strategies for parents and carers of children and young people as well as a [facebook page](#).

[Care for the family](#) has specific information for parents and carers of children with additional needs as well as generic parenting information as well as a [facebook page](#).

For support on other issues you can access [On Your Mind website](#) which provides free, safe and anonymous online support for young people.

There is also a [new advice page](#) for Wiltshire parents and carers which includes practical strategies to support children with their mental health and wellbeing and also [Oxford Health](#) for further support on child mental health.

BBC Interactive Lessons

The BBC have launched a series of live curriculum-mapped interactive lessons for both primary and secondary schools for English, maths and other areas of the curriculum. These will be available on TV from Monday.

[BBC Teach Live Lesson - 2020 programme - BBC Teach](#)

Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub providing support to those who need it

With national lockdown measures now in place, Wiltshire Council's Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is still available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time – and will now be available on Saturdays.

The hub can help and provide support to those who perhaps don't have a network around them, and also signpost them to where additional help is available in their local area. Hundreds of community groups, run by volunteers, are still set up across the county, providing invaluable assistance to those who need it.



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For vulnerable people in need of support

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