



Athersley South Primary School

Wakefield Road, Barnsley, S71 3TP

Tel: 01226 284223

www.athersleysouth-primary.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs E. Sanderson
Deputy Headteacher: Mr J. Wheelwright



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware on Monday evening the government announced that all schools in the UK must close from Tuesday 5th January until at least February half term. Schools however will continue to offer face to face provision for those who are classed as vulnerable and/or those whose Parents/Carers are classified as critical workers. For those children who are not attending school we will provide them with a package of remote learning via our Seesaw App (many of you will be familiar with this from the last lockdown). As this announcement came with no prior notice to schools, we have had to take today to ensure that all the appropriate measures are in place. We do apologise for any inconvenience that today's closure has caused and appreciate your support, patience and understanding during this challenging time.

With effect from tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January, your child has been allocated a place in school and they should attend every day. Normal school times continue, starting at 8.50am, and tomorrow they should enter school via their normal classroom door. All children in school will be working with other children from their year group and will remain in a bubble. Teaching and non-teaching staff will support each bubble.

Breakfast Club

We will still be operating a reduced breakfast club, as previously. You can continue to book via ParentPay but we would politely request that places are only taken on the days when you have no other option. This will operate from tomorrow and the staff remain the same.

School Meals

School Catering Services are operating as usual. The full school menu, with a variety of hot options will continue to be offered and your child will continue to order in the same way as usual. As always we just ask that their account is kept in credit.

Uniform

The children must continue to come to school in school uniform. They should also have their PE kit in schools each day.

Safety measures

All the current safety measures in school remain in place. The children are encouraged to wash their hands frequently and apply hand sanitiser. Enhanced cleaning also continues. Your compliance with school site safety measures is appreciated. The one way system will continue to operate, we do ask that face masks are worn wherever possible (except where exemption applies) and that social distancing is adhered to. We would also remind you that only one adult per family should access the school site. This is to support everyone's safety.

Proof of Eligibility

If you have claimed a school place for your child as a result of being a critical worker, please can we ask that you submit your evidence of this by Friday 8th January, via email to athersleysouthadmin@ecmtrust.co.uk if you have not already done so. A photo of your work ID or a letter from your employer is acceptable. If you have a query regarding this, please contact us.

We continue to work through unprecedented times and I continue to be proud of my staff and the children for the way in which they rise to the ongoing challenges. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank yourselves for your support, co-operation and patience.

Stay safe, take care and be kind ☺.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E. Sanderson

.....