



Parent/carer newsletter Government update



Government update on schools

The Prime Minister has confirmed that schools will not return to full face-to-face education after the February half-term and that the current attendance restrictions will remain in place until 8 March at the earliest.

We know this is upsetting news for our pupils, families and staff who were looking forward to a full school return; however, we must do what is necessary to keep all of our school community safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our parents and carers; thank you for your continued support during this current school closure, during a continued uncertain time for us all. Thank you for the incredible hard work you are doing to support your children with remote learning. And, thank you for the messages of support to our staff, who are working tirelessly to provide the best for our school community in unusual and challenging circumstances.

We know how challenging online learning can be for pupils and their families. We are grateful for the support you are giving the children to enable them to continue learning whilst they are at home. Teachers will continue to set lessons in line with the National Curriculum to ensure our children are accessing high-quality teaching and learning until they can return to school.

School remains open for children of key workers and children classed as vulnerable **only**. The government advice remains: **children of key workers should stay at home if they can.**



School communication

Our aim, as always, is to keep parents up to date and share key information as quickly as we can. We will continue do this by:

- Newsletters via Parent Pay
- Text messages
- Twitter (@parkendprimary)
- The school website

Free school meals

If you think you are entitled to a voucher and are not receiving one, please contact the school office.

Devices and internet

Please contact school if you require devices or internet access to access online learning.

Remote learning key messages

Last week, 75% of pupils across school accessed online learning via Seesaw. Well done to all of the pupils who accessed their online lessons; we are very proud of you!

Our aim is for 100% of pupils to be learning online. Please contact the school and speak to a member of staff if you have any difficulties accessing online lessons.

There is further information about online learning on the Covid-19 website page, including additional teacher recommended websites to support home learning, guidance for parents and support for SEND and emotional well-being.