



4 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### School Closure – On-line Learning

I hope you have been able to enjoy the holiday period. You will be aware from previous school communications that we were due back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Unfortunately, an ever-changing picture, which is impacting on our staffing availability has led to the difficult decision of closing the school for the initial week for all pupils (except for key workers and vulnerable children).

We as a school are aware that guidance and changes are being made at short notice, which means that we are unable to plan in advance at this stage and so apologise for any inconvenience caused.

We will be reviewing the schools' capacity on a daily basis and will notify parents of changes as soon as we are able to.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their understanding and patience during what will continue to be a challenging and difficult period in the coming months.

A timetable of what is expected, including subjects to be covered, opportunity to meet with class teacher and various assignments are highlighted on our school website. Please follow these steps to access the work and support children with their learning:

- Go to school website
- Home page – click on 'Children'
- Menu – click on 'Online learning – school closure'
- Click on 'My child's Timetable for the week'

DB Primary will be the online portal on which teachers will upload work and Microsoft Teams will enable children to have live video conference calls with their teacher. Children have been supported at school with understanding 'how to access online-learning'.

You will also find a number of tutorials on how to complete DB learning activities, how to find and upload work and check emails.

Also, if you return to the menu you will find 'Microsoft Teams', which demonstrates how your child will meet with their class teacher online.

We have provided all our children with a number of passwords and log-ins for a range of learning platforms. If there are any issues please email 'parent@herrick.leicester.sch.uk' or ring the school (2665656).

Keep safe.

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Headteacher