



Abbott Community Primary School

"Aiming high to achieve success!"

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School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, yesterday the Prime Minister announced that all UK schools will close at the end of the school day, on Friday 20th March. They will remain shut **for most children**, until further notice.

At the moment, we are awaiting further clarification on which children should continue to attend school from Monday. For now, we know it will be those whose parents are classed as Key Workers, but the complete list has not yet been shared with us. Any child who has an EHCP or an allocated Social Worker should also attend.

We will inform all of the above families, once we have received further guidance from the Local Authority.

The Easter raffle draw will take place in school tomorrow, and children will be given their prizes to take home.

Night Owls will be on as usual tomorrow.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO POST REGULAR UPDATES ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE (www.abbott.manchester.sch.uk) AND FACEBOOK @AbbottCommunityPrimary

Please see overleaf for links to government and health advice. Please also see the contact details for two local food banks.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Wilson

**IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO HOLIDAYS ARE TO BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME.
NO AUTHORISATION WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**



Talking to kids about Coronavirus: Keep it simple - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51734855>

NHS online - <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

Public Health England - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Public Health Agency - <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus>

Guidance on Social Distancing: - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people?fbclid=IwAR1Q4eZBjdfS9WhdCxy2mbMRPIllw1G-j-eTnkohhtwe4aDZjoZUoLL8XNI>

Coronavirus: How to protect your mental health - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51873799>

Mind: Promotes the views and needs of people with mental health problems - Phone: 0300 123 3393 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm); Website: www.mind.org.uk

NSPCC: Children's charity dedicated to ending child abuse and child cruelty - Phone: 0800 1111 for Childline for children (24-hour helpline); 0808 800 5000 for adults concerned about a child (24-hour helpline); Website: www.nspcc.org.uk

Other websites that you may find useful:

- www.gov.uk Here you can get advice re benefit and how to make a claim.
- www.manchester.gov.uk Here you can get advice regarding lots of services in Manchester including, under the benefits section, how to make a claim for a financial hardship grant.
- <http://greatertogethermanchester.org/find-support/food-banks/> Here you will find food banks local to all addresses in Manchester.
- If you are in crisis or need urgent advice you can contact Children's Services on 0161 234 5001
- Early help teams in Manchester:- Early Help Hubs on: North: 0161 234 1973, Central: 0161 234 1975 and South: 0161 234 1977

Our local food banks are:

Mustard Tree
110 Oldham Road
M4 6AG

The Lalley Centre
St Malachy's School Basement
Egginton Street
M40 7RG