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'Living, Learning and Growing in the Love of God'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we have been directed by the Government to close the school from today. The school will only reopen when we are instructed to do so by the Government. We know this may cause concern for our families, but we remain committed to the safety and well being of all our school community.

1. Provision for Vulnerable Children and those of Critical Workers.

We will be offering provision for children whose parents are 'critical workers' and who have no other means of child care. If only one parent works within this sector there is an expectation that the non-key worker parent will care for children at home. Critical workers include those working in:

- Health Care
- Social Care and Care Homes
- Education and Childcare
- National Security Services i.e. Police, Fire, Ambulance & Prison Services
- Food & Distribution i.e. supermarkets and factories
- Utilities i.e. waste disposal and postal services

Please book your place by 3pm today on the form previously circulated.

Parents of vulnerable children, (those with an EHCP or a social worker) will be contacted directly to assess need.

2. Home Learning

From tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January, there will be a full programme of remote learning for each child on Google Classroom for years 1-6 and Tapestry for Reception. All children in Years 1-6 have their log in details in their blue home learning journals.

As children's learning has already been disrupted over the last year, it is essential that they fully engage with this learning. We understand that this is difficult for parents who may also be working at home, but for children's overall well-being, they must continue their education at this time. If you have any difficulties, please contact us using the email address homelearning@nsjhull.com. When we have concerns about children not engaging, we will make contact to see what the issues are in order to help.

We have been allocated a small number of devices for children in specific categories and these will be available for collection from tomorrow. We will inform you today if your child has been allocated one and will make contact to arrange for collection. If you do not receive one of these but access remains a problem, please let us know as we have a very small number of other devices available for loan.

Log ins for Google classroom will be reshared today and this will be where all work for children will be placed.

Please bear with us as we re-establish our remote learning systems and be assured of our thoughts and prayers at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

S Wilson, Headteacher