

WAKEFIELD METHODIST (VC) J, I & N SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Closure of school from Friday 20th March

Following Boris Johnson's announcement yesterday, I am writing to confirm that **Wakefield Methodist School will close to the majority of our children from Friday 20th March**. We will; however, provide a service for vulnerable children (including: children with an EHCP and children of key workers (at time of printing this letter the government have still not issued guidance on who falls into this category

We will be running Giggles and Scribbles until 6pm on Friday 20th March.

If you are a key worker or have a child with an EHCP we can provide support with childcare.

First, we ask that you look carefully at the childcare provision you can provide.

Secondly we ask if you could look at your working patterns to see when you will **essentially** need school provision.

If you still find you are not able to care for your child at home if you haven't already done so we will need you to identify yourself and your profession with school tomorrow urgently.

As I am sure you can appreciate, staffing has been affected by the virus and also the school closures, which means that we will potentially need to operate the school with a skeleton team. Therefore, we need to have confirmed numbers of pupils to ensure they are going to be safely cared for.

Plans to support you during the school closure:

- All our children will be provided with a learning pack from Friday. These packs will consist of work which provides repetition and practise in core skills. Our teachers have copied enough work to last at least a week. We are mindful that not all of you have printers and we want to alleviate the pressure on you all. After the first week of closure our teachers will be communicating with you at the beginning of each week from Monday 30th March through one of the communication channels detailed below with online tasks and resources. We will be providing paper or an exercise book, 2 reading books and a library book. Please do ensure that these are kept safe, as we are allocating out a lot of books from our school and expect these back in great condition at the end of this period.
- We will be offering some support to families currently eligible for Free School Meals who are not in school. We will be contacting you over the coming days should this apply to you.

Online School/Home Communication Channels

- Text Messages: Run by office staff and Mrs Clark
- Twitter: [@WakefieldMetSch](https://twitter.com/WakefieldMetSch) [@MrsClark17](https://twitter.com/MrsClark17)
- Seesaw: <https://web.seesaw.me/>
- Class Dojo
- Email: adminstaff@methodist.wakefield.sch.uk



A reminder for children working at home

Week 1

Your child is to complete the following work:

- Complete the work pack sent home. Please return this on their return to school.
- They are to read 5 times and parent/carer is to sign their Reading record as usual and will be checked upon their return to school.
- Times Tables Rockstars years 2- 6 They are to log in and play 5 times during the week. (This is monitored online by the teacher.)

Week 2 Onwards

Please check the above sources of communication in order to know what your child will be responsible for doing during each week.

I would like to once again reiterate my sincerest thanks to all of you through this extremely difficult time. Our children and staff have been brilliant as always this week. Our support is with you all right now and we will do all we can to help our school community during this very challenging time. Please stay safe everyone.

All the best

Mrs Donna Clark