



# STEETON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Sunday 3rd January 2021

Dear Parents /Carers

## **School Closure and move to online learning for all children except vulnerable and key worker children**

I am writing following the latest NUE (National Education Union) advice to all teaching and teaching support members.

We have had a written communication on the grounds of Health & Safety from ten members of the teaching staff across school who are members of the NEU. They have followed their union's advice<sup>1</sup> that under the present climate of increased transition and infection rates, it is unsafe for them to attend work at the present time.

As such, it is no longer viable for school leaders to open school safely for children tomorrow, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. **Therefore school will be closed for all children on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.** We will start online lessons for all children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

We understand that this is very short notice, but the union advice to members was issued on Saturday following the closure of further primary schools across the south of England.

We apologise sincerely for any inconvenience caused.

Tomorrow, school leaders, teachers and school staff will be working on plans for online learning for at least the next two weeks. They will also be contacting parents of children who are considered vulnerable or those of Key workers so that preparations can be made for them to come to school from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Staff will ping out tomorrow details of how the online learning will work and how it will be accessed. It will follow very closely the plans we put in place for bubble closures.

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We will also be sending out further information regarding free school meal provision and any support we can give with ICT requirements and how vulnerable and key worker children will be accommodated in school.

We understand and regret the difficulties that this late announcement will cause families. Should you have any further questions with regard to the next two weeks schooling online, please do not hesitate to contact us at school tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

John Cooper

Executive Head Teacher

Kevin Wheeler

Head of School

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Chair of Governors

