



# George Carey Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

**George Carey Church of England Primary School will be closed until 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for the majority of pupils.** I am sorry for the late notice of the school closure, but we were given no prior warning of the government announcement yesterday.

Schools have been asked to maintain a service for **vulnerable learners** (e.g. children with EHC Plans) and those children whose parents have been deemed a **'Critical Worker.'** The Gov.UK website has further information about which jobs qualify people as being 'Critical Workers' but generally they include: NHS workers, people providing social care, school / education based workers, key public services including transport, emergency services and the judicial system and those who work in the food distribution industries.

**If you feel that your child fits either of these categories (vulnerable learner or child of a critical worker), please contact the School Office by email by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 5:00 p.m.** to let us know that you would like your child to start school on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. You must state your reason for your request for school based education within this email. The school's email address for the school is [office@george-carey.bardaglea.org.uk](mailto:office@george-carey.bardaglea.org.uk) . We will respond to your email and let you know on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 if your child is able to attend school the following day.

The limited provision being offered is during normal working hours only, Monday to Friday. It is for pupils already on the school roll and is not open to siblings who attend other provisions. Children attending this provision should attend every day as it is difficult to keep a track of children only attending for parts of the week.

## **Does your child have access to home learning?**

**Children will be expected to continue their education through the home learning programme that we are providing until the school re-opens.**

If your child does **not** have access to home learning, please also email the school office as soon as possible. **We have a number of school laptops that we can place on loan to families without computers at home** so that children can access their learning effectively.

**If school services become overstretched, we may be forced to close this emergency provision due to reasons of safety so please support us as much as you can by:**

- Responding as soon as possible to school communication where required
- Not sending children to school who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms; getting them tested as soon as is possible
- Communicating with the school if you experience a change of family circumstances (e.g. change of contact details /or address) or if you or your child becomes ill with the virus
- Supporting your children in their home-learning
- Checking the school's website and other forms of communication regularly for any information updates.

We would like you all to remain safe during this challenging time so please follow government guidelines on staying safe and containing the virus.

School website link: <https://www.georgecareyprimaryschool.com/home-learning>

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Harrison', written in a cursive style.

Chris Harrison  
Headteacher