



# Spire Federation

Digby Church of England School  
Dunston St Peter's Church of England School  
Nocton Community Primary School

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

You may have seen in the announcement made by the Prime Minister this evening that from midnight tonight the whole country is entering a new national lockdown. We will be in Tier 5 and this means the closure of schools, with remote learning for all except the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

With this in mind and due to the lack of notice, we want to ensure that we plan safely for this. I am sure that you can appreciate the position that all schools are now in and after liaising with the Senior Leadership Team and with the agreement of the Chair of Governors, we have made the difficult decision to:

## **CLOSE ALL SCHOOLS in THE SPIRES FEDERATION TOMORROW 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

This will be for **one day only** and will give us the much needed and invaluable time required to put the logistics in place, ascertain final Keyworker and Vulnerable pupil numbers and put provision and staffing in place on each site safely.

Remote learning will be effective from tomorrow for every child and each class teacher from each school will add learning to Microsoft teams.

We will contact all parents of Keyworker and Vulnerable pupils tomorrow afternoon to confirm arrangements, which will include staff rotas and bubble numbers. We are also hoping that WAC will be available for these pupils. I can reassure you all, that all 3 schools will be open on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for children of Keyworkers and Vulnerable pupils.

The Government have left us with no time to put arrangements in place safely tonight and tomorrow will ensure that what we need to plan we can do safely for all of the pupils and staff. We are desperately sorry for the inconvenience that this will cause for all of our families, I so wish we have been given the time to do this before now.

**Can we ask that you complete the Keyworker Survey that I sent out today by 10am tomorrow (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January) at the latest so we can start to make our arrangements.**

Once again, huge thanks for your support, patience and much needed understanding!

Kind Regards,

Miss Emma Hill

Executive Headteacher