



Dear Parent/Carers,

We have made the decision to move all learning to remote online learning on the 4th January 2021, this will mean that all pupils and staff will remain at home on this day and return to school for the 5th January 2021.

We have taken this decision based on the evidence presented by public health in Essex that this area currently has one of the highest cases of COVID 19 infections in the country. The 4th January 2021 will enable your child to restart their learning safely online and allows us time to prepare for the opening of schools. Your child's school will send you a timetable for the work that they should access via the remote learning platform used in your school. It is predicted that Essex will continue to be in a very challenging situation at the start of next term.

Unfortunately, as COVID cases continue to rise we have been forced to close several 'bubbles' across our schools, we are proud of the remote online learning offer our schools have developed, the resources ensure the pupils are able to engage with the main aspects of the curriculum.

We hope that you are staying healthy during these incredibly difficult and challenging times. We are so very proud of the young people in our Trust along with our staff team they have demonstrated our Co-operative Values throughout the last term.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back to our schools on the 5th January 2021.

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