



Margaret McMillan Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The situation with school closures has moved very quickly this week and has only just been finalised this afternoon. I wanted to send a final letter today to give parents as much information as I have around what will happen after today.

Margaret McMillan Primary School will be closing today. We do not know for how long. The vast majority of children will now stay at home and we have provided home learning packs and lines of communication to our families. Please check the school website and Weduc regularly as we will post information to support you and your children during this time.

Further guidance has been issued by the DfE overnight regarding the provision of education for vulnerable children and those of essential workers. The key principles of this guidance are;

- **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings should continue to care for children wherever possible.

The guidance goes on to state that; “If your school is closed then please [contact your local authority](#), who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child, or children, can attend.”

Margaret McMillan will be open for the small numbers of children who need us. They should have been contacted today. We will be running with a reduced staff including the office staff – so you can ring or leave a message and we will pick it up.

We know this is a challenging time and would like to thank you again for your support and cooperation. Please continue to check the school website for information about when Margaret McMillan will be open in future. I know all of our Margaret McMillan families to look after each other and stay safe. We will get through this.

On behalf of all the staff at Margaret McMillan; take care and stay safe,

Lorraine Martin
Head teacher



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