Charlestown Community Primary School

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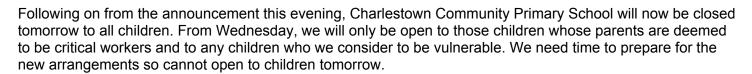Pilkington Road, Blackley Manchester M9 7BX
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well.

Following on from the announcement this evening, Charlestown Community Primary School will now be closed tomorrow to all children. From Wednesday, we will only be open to those children whose parents are deemed to be critical workers and to any children who we consider to be vulnerable. We need time to prepare for the new arrangements so cannot open to children tomorrow.

It is expected that all children who are not in school will log on to learning every day and **more details will be sent out tomorrow**. **This is not a choice.** Your children are already disadvantaged from several months out of the classroom last year; they need to be accessing learning every day and we will have a team on hand to support you and deliver devices to help you make this happen.

To be eligible for a place in the provision, both parents must be critical workers (or single parents in a single parent household). The Government has confirmed 'critical workers' to be those working in the following industries:
- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and National Government
- Food production, processing, preparation, sale and delivery
- Public safety and national security
- Traffic and border
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you would like to reserve a place in our critical worker provision or believe that you qualify under the vulnerable catagory, please email deputyhead@charlestown.manchester.sch.uk as soon as possible stating how many places you require and please provide evidence that you are a critical worker/vulnerable family. The provision will be very different from the one we ran last summer as all children attending will access the online learning that their teacher provides each day in the same way that other children will access this from home.

Any families in receipt of Free School Meals should contact Denham.n@charlestown.manchester.sch.uk and we will support you as soon as we know the details on how this will work.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me on head@charlestown.manchester.sch.uk .

Yours sincerely

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