



Dear Parents,

I have no doubt that you are all closely following the news as much as we are for some sort of clue as to whether primary schools will remain fully open or whether there will be a further U-turn by government and announce that all primaries will revert to home learning. I can assure you that we only know as much as you do and I am very proud to say that the staff at Beal Vale, in the face of union recommendations have shown their overwhelming commitment to keeping the school operating for the good of our children.

As you know, prior to Christmas Beal Vale was one of only a very small number of schools nationally that were not required to close a single bubble of children. Due to this, we have been in the very lucky position of not having to move learning online at any point. It is important to say, that this may become necessary at some point this term with the school building only remaining open to Key Worker and Vulnerable children. There will be an expectation for all children to access this learning daily with teachers making contact to help support any families who are having difficulties.

In the case of any future closure, school will only be open for children of key workers, those with an EHC plan and others that fall under special circumstances. If you are a key worker and think you are eligible (and require) a key worker child care place, please email info@beal-vale.oldham.sch.uk by 8pm today so we can make provision for those children.

I appreciate that this is a very challenging time for us all and I thank you for your continued understanding and support. It is only by working together that we can provide the highest level of education and support for our children and families.

Greg Ball
Headteacher

