



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Primary Virtual Schooling - Tuesday 5th January to Friday 15th January.

I hope you have all managed to have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break in what continues to be a very unusual time for us all.

I'm sure you are all aware of the news and uncertainty around the current levels of Covid-19 in both our community and nationally. My aim is, and will always be, to keep students, staff and the community as safe as possible regarding the current rates of transmission of the virus. We appreciate everything the community has done in preventing the spread of this virus and thank you for all your support.

Unfortunately, I must inform you that **Atlantic Academy Primary school will be closing its face-to-face teaching provision for the majority of students from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 15th January.** This is due to the position of some teaching and support staff trade unions who have advised their members that the current situation means that their working environment might not be safe. This action means we would not have enough staff available to safely open the school to all students tomorrow. This action reflects similar decisions that have been made both in the local community and on a larger, national scale.

Face to face teaching will still be available for our vulnerable students and the children of Critical Workers. [If you would like to access this provision please complete this form to inform us of your intentions.](#)

Our staff will continue to be at work and as well as working with the vulnerable students and children of Critical Workers they will ensure our virtual platform is available for all students to access their usual timetabled lessons. Lessons will be provided from Tuesday 5th January on the following platforms:

- Reception - All communications through Tapestry.
- Year 1 and 2 - All communication through See Saw.
- Years 3-6 - All communication through Google Classroom.

All teaching staff are contactable through the contact pages of the website - please do get in touch and we will do everything we can to ensure our usual curriculum delivery is available to all.

If there are any students who are eligible for **free school meals** but are not going to be in school, there is still the opportunity to order a packed lunch at lunchtime. This would need to be collected between 11am and 1pm from the secondary reception area. To order a packed lunch, please use the following [FSM Google Form](#)

I know we will work together to make the very best of this situation and I'm sorry to have to share this news with you. As a community we are adaptable and strong, and I am proud of everything we do for our children.

I will contact you with further details for plans from Monday 18th January as soon as I am able to.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Heppell  
Principal - Primary