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Dear Parents / Carers,

Last night, just after 8pm, our Prime Minister ordered **schools to close for all except the children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Children with immediate effect**; with a heavy heart, we have done this. Obviously, we want to keep all the members of our school community safe but we also love seeing our children in school learning, developing and thriving with us every day, sadly for many this cannot happen this half term.

Today, the staff have worked hard teaching the pupils who are in and setting work for those who are at home. Our **home learning** online platform is **Purple Mash** which all pupils have log in details for. Staff will be setting work on here and providing feedback to the children on Purple Mash. To keep in touch with your children from next week, all **Class Teachers will phone to speak to the children** at least once every week to talk about the work they have been doing. Some children may receive daily calls to help with their schoolwork.

This lockdown the government instructions for schools are very different, **we must ensure our children carry on learning**. We will support in any way we can by providing a meaningful and ambitious range of work and provide feedback on the children's progress. We have also been asked by the government to notify parents where their child's lack of engagement with the home learning is a concern so of course we will be doing this.

If you are unable to access the Purple Mash website please email your child's class email account to request a paper pack, these can then be left at the office for you to collect. Completed work can be returned the following week.

#### **Free School Meals.**

We will not be able to provide vouchers this time but can offer food boxes. They will be available please contact Mrs Whittaker one morning in the office to arrange collection of one of these if you would like this option.

Should you need to contact your child's class teacher about teaching and learning please email the class email address. If you have any other concerns about anything you think we may be able to help you with please email [earlyhelp@stansfieldhall.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@stansfieldhall.rochdale.sch.uk) and we will do our very best to help and support all our families during this very difficult time.

Take care

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