

## NATIONAL LOCKDOWN UPDATE



The following update has been taken from the BBC news website.

Schools and colleges in England are to be closed to most pupils until at least half term, Boris Johnson has announced.

The prime minister said the new lockdown had to be "tough enough" to stop the variant virus from spreading - and teaching will go online.

In a television address, Mr Johnson announced the biggest changes to schools since the early days of the first lockdown in March.

"Because we now have to do everything we possibly can to stop the spread of the disease, primary schools, secondary schools and colleges across England must move to remote provision from tomorrow," said the prime minister.

This means a return to online learning for pupils of all ages - apart from vulnerable children and the children of key workers who can continue to go into school.

The prime minister said he hoped that schools would be "reopening schools after the February half term".

The Department for Education has provided hundreds of thousands of computer devices - with the aim of supporting those without the equipment needed to work online from home.

Supporting pupils at Northern Saints:

If you have any problems or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher or myself directly via Classdojo or ringing the school office.

A reminder of other people who can help you:

Mrs Curley - Deputy Headteacher for safeguarding, behaviour and welfare  
Miss Heaney - Deputy Headteacher for teaching and learning  
Mrs Gregory - SENDCo  
Mrs Tomlin - School Business Manager  
Miss McBeth - Family Worker

Together, we will get through this!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Jones'.

Andy Jones  
HEADTEACHER