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Monday 4th January 2021,

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have just seen on the news, the Government have ordered an **immediate** closure of all Primary Schools across England, which means we will now **NOT be open tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January for most children.**

We have just met as a matter of urgency to ensure that we communicate with all of our families this evening.

We understand the frustration and challenges that this news will cause many of you, especially with the short notice provided, but this is a decision beyond our control.

Our priority is to now establish the requirement for Key Worker children coming into school, as well as starting our remote learning provision. Our commitment to all of our families is to have this in place from Wednesday 6th January.

Both provision in school for Key Worker children and remote learning for children at home, will look different in comparison to the Spring lockdown. We are awaiting further guidance from the Department for Education to clarify this.

Key Worker Provision – Important information for Tuesday 5th January only.

We are aiming for provision to be fully in place by Wednesday, pending receipt of further guidance. However, if you believe you are a Key Worker and have no alternative childcare, we ask that you contact school from 8am tomorrow (Tuesday 5th Jan) to discuss your circumstances further.

NB: We would like to stress that the priority is for children to stay at home where possible. So if you are a Key Worker, but working from home, we would ask that you make every effort to keep your child/ren at home with you. We do recognise how inconvenient this will be for many families, but everyone's safety and control of this virus has to be the overarching priority.

Provision for Vulnerable Pupils

Any children who are considered to be vulnerable will be given a place automatically.

Remote Learning Provision

We will send all families a communication later tomorrow afternoon with details on how to access our Remote Learning provision.



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As soon as we have the necessary information, we will contact you again to clarify the position. As indicated, Key Worker provision will be different to what has been previously offered and we will be asking for proof of Key Worker status from employers/organisations before allocating children's places.

Throughout the last 10 months, our families have been extremely supportive of our school, which we are very grateful for. Tonight, we only ask you for some time and patience to be able to work through everything we need to get in place, and we commit to being back in touch as soon as possible.

To reconfirm, school will be closed to all children not included in the paragraph above, tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Please stay safe, look after each other, and we look forward to the day we can reopen our school doors to all of our children again.

Kindest regards

Alicia Todhunter

Headteacher

