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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have heard the Government has announced that all schools should close from tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January.

We regret that it will be necessary for the school to be **closed for all children tomorrow** whilst we establish staff rotas and contact our list of attendees from the last lockdown given the short notice from the government tonight.

As we said in our previous lockdown letter, schools have been asked by the government to continue to open the school for vulnerable students and children of 'key workers' to allow those parents to play their part in this national crisis. We are indebted to all key workers, for all that they are doing in such challenging times and will do everything necessary to enable them to continue to offer this service. **If you are a new parent to the school, including Reception parents, please contact the school via email and we will contact you tomorrow and provide you with the necessary paperwork.**

In providing childcare for those essential workers who cannot educate their children at home, a vital part of our responsibility is to do everything we can do to minimise the chance of the virus spreading among the children and staff who do need to come into school. If a child of a key worker picks up the virus at school, then they will bring it home and it will be highly likely that they pass it on to their parent and/or lead to the key worker parent being in self-isolation and not able to play their vital role for 10 days.

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"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."



We therefore ask all parents to ensure that we keep **the number of students in the school each day to an absolute minimum** and enforce the government advice “to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend”.

Furthermore, class teachers will be fully engaged in providing a robust online learning package using our google classrooms throughout the day and therefore will not be engaged in supporting children in school. Children in school will be supported with their online learning by learning support staff.

At this present time, we will not be able to offer an After School Club. But this situation may change, and we will let you know as soon as we can offer this again.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and understanding at this extremely critical time.

Kind Regards,

Elaine Jackson & Greg Bath
Headteachers