

4th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister, at 8pm this evening, our primary schools are now moving into a period of only being open to children of key workers and vulnerable families with immediate effect.

Such a late announcement makes planning, for the coming days, extremely challenging.

With such late notice of the National Lockdown, we will be spending the next 24 hours confirming who is eligible to come into school and who will access remote learning.

Essentially, tomorrow, our schools will be closed in order to enable our schools to put in place plans for safely providing face to face learning on the school site for those eligible and ensuring that remote learning can begin.

However, if key worker families are in requirement of critical childcare, tomorrow, we will be able to take children based upon key workers who accessed the 2020 childcare provision (between March and May) or who can provide a NHS ID badge.

Please note that this will only be available for normal school hours – Breakfast Club and After School Club will not be available.

By providing critical childcare only, tomorrow, this provides staff with one day to ensure we have our schools as prepared as possible for our remote learning as well as our specific in-school provision.

School leaders and staff will be spending tomorrow ensuring all of our systems are ready for Wednesday. Please only send key worker children in tomorrow if the need is urgent.

During Tuesday, we will be communicating who will be eligible to come into school and how to apply for a place. Schools will open to those eligible from Wednesday.

Remote learning for the rest of our school communities will also begin on Wednesday and your school will be providing details about this during Tuesday.

We appreciate that this is going to cause further disruption to normal life. We hope that this action, along with the national lockdown measures will result in a fall in the infection rates and pray that normal school can resume following the National Lockdown.

Further details, including provision for Free School Meals, will follow in the coming days as more guidance is received.

Yours sincerely



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