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Dear Parents/Carers

Apologies for writing to you so late but I am sure you will understand the predicament that we face as a school following the Prime Minister's announcement of another national lockdown until February half term. We are still in the process of receiving requests for key worker provision and making plans for the coming days and weeks. Therefore, I have taken several decisions in light of the announcement tonight:

1. School will provide online learning via Tapestry (Reception) and Seesaw for all pupils tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January). No pupils will come to school tomorrow and must complete the tasks set by their teacher at home.
2. School staff will spend the day providing online learning and preparing classrooms, resource packs for key worker and vulnerable pupils. Due to the short notice given tonight, we need to get school ready and organised.
3. School staff will contact families tomorrow to confirm key worker and vulnerable pupil provision places which will open on Wednesday 6th January from 8.45am - 2.45pm. Pupils accessing this provision will follow the same lessons as the children working remotely at home as teachers will provide the same activities for both groups each day.
4. Online learning will be provided each day by class teachers and it is a legal requirement that all pupils engage and complete the work set. I am sure that families will join with me in understanding the importance of this method of learning as we look ahead to pupils working at home until the February half term break.

Again, I apologise for the short notice and any potential inconvenience for tomorrow but we do need to prepare for the coming days and weeks further and having less than 12 hours to prepare would be doing a disservice to our pupils, staff and families to rush and do things in a panic.

I will be in touch with you all again tomorrow with further updates.

Best wishes,

Mr Hatton

