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Dear Parents and Carers,

NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLOSURE

Happy New Year - despite the inevitable last-minute changes to all of our plans, I do hope that you had a special time over Christmas with the people you live with and love.

As you know, the health and well-being of our school community is our priority and, under the following legislation, we have a duty to protect the safety of our pupils and staff:

- Sections 2 and 3 of the Health & Safety Act 1974
- Regulations 3 and 8 of the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- Regulation 4 of the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992
- Regulation 4 of the Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992
- Regulation 7 of the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002

Due to the present circumstances regarding COVID-19, our school has been severely impacted in terms of staffing capacity. Unfortunately, after assessing the risks, we are unable to provide for the safe return of our pupils and have no choice but to close all of our class bubbles.

From Tuesday 5th January, the school will open only to vulnerable children and those of critical workers <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

For all other pupils, we will move to online learning via MS Teams.

Further information regarding how to register for Keyworker School and how to access online learning will be sent out tomorrow. For those families who responded to our IT survey advising of a lack of internet access, hard copies of the work will be made available. If your child is entitled to free school meals, we will advise of the arrangements for lunches under separate cover.

This decision will inconvenience many of our families but the health and safety of our school community is paramount.

We will continue to review the situation on an ongoing basis but please be assured that we will welcome all pupils back to school as soon as we possibly can.

Yours faithfully,

Julianne Taylor

Mrs J M Taylor
Headteacher

