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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear parents and guardians,

A very happy new year to you all, we hope you have had a safe and restful festive period.

As always our aim is to keep all children and staff safe during this challenging time whilst continuing to provide an education for all.

Following the letter on our school website yesterday you will be aware that are ongoing meetings with unions and the government around health and safety in schools. The new strain of Corona virus and current union advice has led us to make the very difficult decision that as from Tuesday 5th January School will be only open for those children of CRITICAL WORKERS and VULNERABLE CHILDREN.

Staff are in school today in order to plan for the next two weeks for the children in school while maintaining safe bubbles and for those at home accessing remote learning. Our intention is to reopen on Monday 18th January to all children and we will keep you fully informed as soon as we can if the situation changes.

In line with our Remote Learning Offer, you will be able to access lessons via Seesaw from Wednesday morning. There will be daily learning activities, short videos and tasks for the children to access. We would encourage all children to do as much of this as possible. If you have issues with remote access please contact school and we will work with you to provide a solution.

We have already received several emails notifying us of Critical Worker Status. However - as a reminder -If you are a critical worker parent and sent your child during the first lockdown, you are already registered with us and have critical worker status. We will still need to know if you are wanting to send your child into school from Tuesday and the number of days you require.

If you are a new parent or have changed role and would need your child to attend from 5th January could you please email liz.simpson@knoplawschool.co.uk with **Key Worker** as the email heading stating how many days you may require.

Please also provide proof of your Critical Worker status attached to the email.

We continue to work alongside the Local Authority and will keep you informed of any changes to the current situation as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support,

H.E.Simpson
Head Teacher

