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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last night you will be aware that all primary schools must now remain closed until at least after February half term except for pupils of critical keyworkers or our most vulnerable pupils.

Although we were open yesterday to provide education for all our children, we have now had to close to all children today. We will be using today to identify which eligible children will require places at our schools during the national lockdown. We are also working on finalising our plans to ensure that all of our pupils, whether at home or school, will still have access to high quality teaching and learning.

### **Critical Workers**

The school will be open from Wednesday 6th January for the children of parents whose work is critical in keeping the country running during the pandemic.

Please click on the link below to see if you qualify as a critical worker:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>

You will have received a questionnaire yesterday asking you to let us know if you are a critical worker and if you require a place for your child/ren. If you haven't yet completed this, please return this to your child's school by midday today (Tuesday 5th January) to help us confirm the places we can offer. We may ask for simple evidence of critical worker status, such as a work ID badge or pay slip.

Clearly, as a Tier 4 area the safest place for your child is at home. Should there be a suitable adult at home, who can provide supervision, then please consider keeping your child with him/her as this will not only be safer for your child but also for the children and staff in school. Children in school will be completing the same remote learning activities as those at home.

We will contact you as soon as we can to confirm places available.

### **Lunches and free school meal**

Either packed lunches or the jacket potato options will continue to be available to all pupils attending school. These will need to be ordered and paid for in the usual way.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and is not attending school during the lockdown, we will be providing a weekly food box. At the moment, the government has not confirmed that vouchers will be made available.

If you think that you are eligible for free school meals at any point during the lockdown, please let the school office know. Please do not expect the school to be informed by anyone else in a timely manner.

**If your child is staying at home to learn:**

Please do let the school know if you do not have access to any laptops/ computers or tablets. The school may be able to help. Of course we only have a limited number of devices to lend but will help if we can.

If you have difficulty with providing the internet we have some free SIM cards which provide free data that we can also offer which will allow you to 'hotspot' devices to your mobile phone. Again, we have limited numbers, please let the school office know if you would like one of these.

Do you have access to all logins you may need – for Microsoft Teams, seesaw or Tapestry? All children will need access to a Microsoft Teams account for the live teaching provided. If you need the username and/or passwords for any of these accounts for your child, please contact the school.

It would also be helpful if you would ensure the school also has an up to date email address for you.

**Remote Learning**

Children at home will continue to be taught remotely. Children either at home or at school will complete the same learning activities. Your school will provide you with a timetable, additional information and details and the resources your child will need for this.

If your child struggles to engage with online learning, please let the school know. We will do what we can to help.

If you need to communicate with anyone at your child's school, please email the office email address and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

Thank you once again for all your support during this very challenging time.

Take care and keep safe,

Yours sincerely



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