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PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Update on School Arrangements from Tuesday 5th January 2021

It is with regret that I write to you late this evening. You will be aware following from the Prime Ministers' announcement this evening that we have been directed to close the School with immediate effect from Tuesday 5th January 2021.

The arrangements from tomorrow will therefore be as follows:

- **Upper Foundation (Reception) and Years 1 to 6 to remain at home.**
 - We are currently finalising arrangements for the provision of remote learning and further information regarding this will be issued to parents/carers via a letter tomorrow. The current plan is for remote learning to commence for all pupils from Wednesday 6th January.
 - **Lower Foundation (Nursery) children**
 - Children in our nursery setting are able to continue to attend the School and may arrive at the School on Tuesday 5th January at their usual time.
 - The School will be asking parents/carers of nursery children to confirm their intentions regarding attending the School on an ongoing basis during this period of national lockdown. The School will contact you about this tomorrow.
 - **Emergency Care and Vulnerable pupils**
 - The school is closed to all key worker and vulnerable pupils tomorrow (5th January) as we fully prepare our staffing provision for Wednesday 6 January. However, if you are a key worker or have a child identified as vulnerable and require emergency care for your child/children tomorrow you can bring them to school at their normal time. This is to support you given the nature of the late announcement.
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- From Wednesday 6th January Vulnerable children and children of critical workers are able to continue to attend the School as normal if required. In order for the School to plan and facilitate this provision on an ongoing basis, we will be asking for all parents/carers intending to send their child/children to school during this period of national lockdown, falling into either of these categories, to complete a request form. More information about this will be communicated tomorrow.
- If you are unsure about whether or not you or your child falls into one of these categories, please refer to the Government guidance which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

Free School Meals

Further details will be provided as soon as possible with regard to any arrangements for pupils eligible for free school meals during the period of national lockdown.

Please accept my sincere apologies for providing this update so late into the evening. This has been unavoidable due to the timing of the Prime Minister's announcement.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding during this incredibly difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Parkinson

