

Dear Parents/Carers,

In light of the government announcement last night regarding a national lockdown we have been instructed to close. School will be closed to ALL pupils today (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January). Remote learning will be uploaded on Class Dojo by lunchtime.

From Wednesday school will be open to children of COVID essential workers and vulnerable children including those with an Education Health and Care Plan.

In order to make provision for the above group of children, we will need to gather up to date information to establish eligibility and gauge numbers involved.

We will be contacting parents today who are classified as key workers (as per Government guidelines) to ascertain whether they need their child to attend school. Updated guidance about the criteria for COVID essential workers can be found on the link below:

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

If you feel that you fall within the critical criteria in the updated guidance and do not have necessary provision for home schooling for your child, please telephone school today 1pm and 3pm tomorrow. Please only telephone if you have NOT been contacted by a member of our staff in the morning. Remember the government has stated 'please stay at home if at all possible'.

We appreciate this is very short notice for parents/carers, but we hope you understand. We will of course keep you updated as and when any new guidance is released.

Thank you, as always, for your unending patience and support.

We continue to keep all of our families in our prayers at this difficult time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Maher