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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Ministers announcement this evening, I am writing to inform you that school will be closed to all pupils on Tuesday 5th January to enable necessary planning to open for critical worker and vulnerable children from Wednesday 6th January 2021. We will be closed to the majority of pupils until further notice with immediate effect.

Year 4 have remote learning ready to go from Tuesday 5th January as previously communicated. Years 3,5 and 6 will have some activities uploaded tomorrow but this will be limited until Wednesday 6th January 2021. Teachers are currently preparing for their resources, in-line with our remote education plan, and these will be uploaded ready for children to access from Wednesday morning. Please contact the school office tomorrow if you require a reminder of your child's login details.

The school will continue to offer in school supervision to vulnerable and critical worker children. However, please be aware that the children in school will be completing the online learning the same as the children who will be at home. Children in school will not be receiving any teaching in addition to the online learning offer.

The criteria for critical workers can be found here:

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

We will contact parents of those children who we believe are classed as vulnerable to confirm a place for your child/children tomorrow.

If you believe that your child/children fit the definition of a critical worker, then please complete the form that will be sent out shortly by 10am on Tuesday 5th January.

Whilst we recognise that many families may have a need for childcare, we are required to restrict our provision to those children described in the official guidance, in order to keep the numbers in school as low as possible. School closure is primarily a means of limiting the spread of coronavirus in educational settings and the wider community. Please only send your child/children to school if you are a critical worker and have no appropriate alternative for childcare.

In the event that the number of critical worker children is too large for us to safely open, we will prioritise in the following order:

1. Pupils where either parent is a member of NHS frontline staff e.g. doctors and nurses not working from home
2. Pupils where both parents are on the critical worker list/single parent critical worker and are not working from home

3. Pupils where one parent is on the critical worker list, is not working at home and there is no other adult in the house to support with childcare

4. Pupils where one parent is on the critical worker list

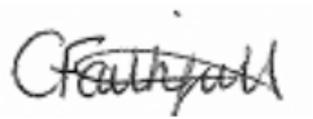
We may need to contact you and/or your employer should we have any queries regarding your critical worker status. If you do not hear from us by 3pm tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January) then please assume that your child/children have been allocated a place.

Further information will be sent for critical worker children and those classed as vulnerable tomorrow regarding the arrangements for the return to school on Wednesday 6th January. Details on free school meal provision will also be sent to those families who are eligible in due course.

Please accept my apologies for the late notice and for any disruption that this sudden change to our plans has caused to you and your family. We do not receive any prior notification of school closure from the government and receive the news at the same time as the rest of the population.

Please be reassured that, as always, we are on the end of the phone should you require any support. Thank you all for your support and understanding. Until we can come together once again as a community, please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Faithfull
Headteacher



Mr Jay Mullineaux
Chair of Governors