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Dear parents and carers

I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body and myself to notify you that the school will be closed to the majority of children from Tuesday 5th January due to a national decision to delay the reopening of primary schools. I hope you can understand and support the actions we are taking as a school, to play our part in helping our community tackle Covid 19 and the significant impact it is having upon us all.

To allow us to put the organisation in place, we will not have any children on site on Tuesday 5th January. We will reopen only to children of Key/Critical workers and vulnerable children from **Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

The Government has confirmed that until at least February half term, all schools have been asked to stay open only for children of Key/Critical Workers, those with Education Health Care Plans, Children who have a contact Social Worker, e.g., 'Children in Need' or those on the Child Protection Register and any Children in Care (CiC) as well as those other children who are receiving support from, for example local or school Family Support Workers.

In order to enable Key/Critical workers to remain at work during this period of need their children may be catered for in schools. **We will prioritise households where all adults living in the home are Key/Critical workers in the first instance.**

Key/Critical Workers include:

- Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.
- Health and social care
 - Education and childcare - includes: childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers, specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach
- Key public services –
 - justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services,
 - those responsible for the management of the deceased, journalists and broadcasters, Local and national government.
- Food and other necessary goods - those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)
- Public safety and national security
- Transport and border - This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus response and EU transition.

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

Please complete the attached proforma at the end of this letter and return to the school office by 3pm on Tuesday 5th January and contact the school during the day to notify us that you may require a place.

If you do not fall into one of these categories, your child(ren) must stay at home and not attend school. We know this will be a difficult period for everyone, and we want to offer our support. From Wednesday 6th January 2021, we will therefore be providing remote learning for all children who are at home. We will send further guidance about Remote Learning and access to TEAMS tomorrow.

If your child usually receives Free School Meals, we will also be in touch about delivering a weekly food parcel to you from Lunchtime Company. This does not include the Universal Free School Meal service only the income related Free School Meals.

Your child's class teacher will be keeping touch with your son/daughter and I will write more once we have organised this further.

Many thanks for your on-going support and please contact us if you have any queries or concerns during the time we are only partially open.

Warm regards,

Miss Ellie Shaw

Parent Name:	
Pupil Name/s:	
Class/es:	

I am a Key Worker in the following service (please tick as appropriate):	Tick ✓
NHS staff	
Teachers and support school	
Police and community support officers	
Frontline civilian police staff	
Prison officers and staff	
Probation officers and trainee probation officers	
LA officers and LA/ NHS social workers	
Uniformed staff in fire and rescue services	
Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (ie clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defence) and some discharged personnel	
Highway agency traffic staff	
LA environmental health officers/practitioners	
Care workers	
Food/supermarket drivers and other workers	

I am in Full time/Part time employment:				
Please circle/highlight the days that you work				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Do you have a young or vulnerable children/young people at home you are a carer for? Y/N				
If yes are you able to make alternative arrangements which do not involve asking Grandparents or other vulnerable people to support? Y/N				