



Tuesday 5th January, 2021
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Dear parents and carers,

Prime Minister's Announcement of Lockdown

Unfortunately, the teachers2parents website crashed yesterday evening, following the Prime Minister's announcement that we are entering a new national lockdown today, and that all schools will be closed until February half-term.

Due to the lateness of this announcement, staff will be using today to plan our remote learning package with our teachers, and our offer for the children of essential key workers and vulnerable pupils. Class teachers will be sign-posting you to online resources that children may access, and live lessons on Microsoft Teams will be starting tomorrow.

Please find attached an application form to complete if your child meets the criteria for a key worker place. Please try to complete and return this to Kiran Bains (bains.k@welearn365.com) by midday today to help us to plan 'bubbles'. Detailed information about key worker criteria can be found on the government website:

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

Please note that Mrs Manley, Miss Glenny and I will be working through the criteria for vulnerable pupils, and contacting families today to offer places for this group of children, as far as capacity allows. Please be aware that we have a finite teacher resource, and must ensure that pupils learning from home are receiving a minimum of 3 hours remote teaching per day in KS1 and 4 hours in KS2. This means that Key Worker and Vulnerable groups may be taught by a rota of teachers and teaching assistants, and in mixed age groups.

I realise that all of this will be feeling overwhelming for everyone. We will do our very best to support our children, families and staff during this exceptionally challenging time.

Best wishes,

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