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Dear Parents and Carers,

CRITICAL PLANNING CLOSURE DAY – TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2021 - SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS ON THIS DAY

SCHOOL IS ONLY OPEN FOR THE CHILDREN OF CRITICAL WORKERS AND SOME VULNERABLE CHILDREN FOR THE REST OF THIS WEEK

After much deliberation and a full re-evaluation of our risk assessments, we are writing to inform you that we have made the decision to delay the start of term beyond our planned INSET day by one additional day. This means there will be no children in school on this day.

It has not been easy to make this decision but we believe it is important to give children, parents and carers clarity about our position so that preparations can be made and we can work together to protect our community and staff, as well as their wider families.

We have also taken the decision to only open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children for the rest of this week due to a lack of available staff. This decision will be reviewed on Friday and we will contact you with an update by Friday lunchtime.

All staff will be working tomorrow as they continue to convert their in school learning sequences to remote learning sequences and this will be available using TEAMS from Wednesday. Families can expect a daily maths, English and foundation lesson. This will take the format of a Powerpoint with a voiceover and we will try to limit the use of worksheets as many families have told us they do not have access to a printer. Additionally, there will be reading, times tables, extension work and assemblies. School staff will be in contact with families and you can communicate with them in the usual way via their year group emails and the SENCO email address. General queries, or those for the senior leadership team, can be sent to the admin email address as usual.

If you are a critical worker and need childcare, please use this link to access the booking form. The link will close at 12.00pm tomorrow, so if you need to book a place please ensure you have done it by then:-

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0ALSfsZuMEGkz4KVkatfwHtHjxUIYcpNizKGqSyKM5NUOFBPT1c2RzRkTVNQQ0xWMUY4WDJVRzZEOS4u>

Please see this link to the Government definition of critical workers for your information:-

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

It is with a heavy heart that we have decided to take this action in light of increasing Covid infections and therefore we would urge you to only access a place for your child in school as a critical worker if this is essential, as we wish to open fully for all pupils as soon as possible and this can only happen safely with reduced transmission.





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Some parents have already been in touch with us expressing concerns about the safety of sending their children to school and we very much hope to work with families collaboratively to support the best outcomes possible.

Once again we apologise that we have had to take this action and we endeavour to keep you regularly informed as and when there are any changes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E. Fordham

Head Teacher

Mr A. Boakes

Chair of Governors

