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Dear parents/carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from information received yesterday from the Prime Minister, **we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children from today, TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 2021 until after February half-term.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key/critical workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs (classed as vulnerable). Please see the link on our school website homepage to see if this applies to you or visit the Gov.uk website online.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the statement from Boris Johnson at 8pm last night – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will continue to keep you updated by the teachers2parents emailing system and text messaging service. We will also be posting regular updates on our school website and Twitter page.

Home Learning: What we will continue doing while your child is at home

For those children staying at home, we have prepared home learning packs and these will be delivered to your home at some point today. Information will also be put onto our school website on the class individual pages. The initial packs will be for 8 days – Wednesday 6th to Friday 15th January 2021. We will then provide learning up to the end of the half-term in a 'bumper pack'. The learning will follow the National Curriculum requirements and will mirror (as much as possible) the work undertaken by children in school.

We will do our very best to ensure you have direction with regards to home schooling your child. Teachers are also available via email and their addresses will be included in the learning packs. If you have any queries or problems, do not hesitate to contact them. In

addition to this, regular phone calls will be made to parents with children learning at home by staff from your child's class.

If your child usually receives means-tested free school meals and they are not in school, we will contact you with more information about how we will continue to provide this but it is likely that vouchers will be provided. Currently, we are awaiting further information from the government and local authority with regards to this matter.

At the moment, this is as much as we know and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the position develops.

Please do not hesitate to contact school to share any concerns or worries and we will do our utmost to support you and offer guidance as well as clarification.

And remember: if your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please telephone the NHS on 111 or look online at NHS.uk.

Thank you again for your continued support and remember to follow all public health guidance and restrictions in place to protect lives.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P. Glynn
Head teacher

