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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am dismayed that despite the government having had the opportunity over the prior weekend and indeed the past two weeks to make a decision about the opening of primaries they waited until 8pm on 4th January. I am therefore contacting you the day after we opened to tell you that from today, **Tuesday 5th January we are closed to all except those children of critical workers and vulnerable children.**

The definition of a critical worker can be found by clicking this link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are a critical worker your child/ren may attend school as usual but, please bring with you your work ID or a letter addressed to you with your employers details on it. Your child's class teacher will quickly check the critical worker evidence. You will only need to bring this once. If the person dropping off your child is unable to bring this evidence with them then please arrange to have a copy of this evidence checked at reception as soon as possible. We will need to know in advance which days your child/ren will be attending school to help organise suitable staff arrangements.

There will be some children who, because of their vulnerabilities, attended school during the previous 'lockdown'. We will be contacting parents/carers today to discuss arrangements for this term.

Remote learning for all other children will be organised to follow very quickly from today. I am sorry that we find ourselves in this position, it is very frustrating.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Emma Barker

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