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Re: School closures during National Lockdown.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last night the Prime Minister announced that all schools would close to most children. Children of key workers and those who are deemed vulnerable will still be able to access face to face learning in school.

We appreciate that this has all happened last minute. The late and unexpected announcement last night meant that we had no choice but to close fully today to give the school time to plan.

This letter details what education will look like for all of our children over the coming weeks.

Remote learning

The Department of Education have issued advice around remote learning. **There is a clear expectation that education must continue for all children and that all children need access to remote learning from home.**

Staff will send a remote learning timetable to you for the start of the week which will need to be followed daily.

It is imperative that children continue to learn at home and the school will support with this as much as possible. Learning will be led and supported by teachers and other staff in school and children will be expected to follow the normal school curriculum where possible which follows a clear sequence of learning.

Lessons for all children will be set using Seesaw which is a platform many of you will already be familiar with. Children in Nursery will be set learning challenges for this half term that clearly link to the learning taking place in school. Some of these challenges will be 'fun play based' to be in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Staff will be keeping records of completed work and will make contact with you should there be any issues with completion. We must stress that if you have any concerns around remote learning then please ask for help.

Partial Opening

If you are a Key Worker or you have a child that is classed as vulnerable then school will remain open for face to face teaching. As we write this letter we currently have around 80 children who will still be accessing education in school. These children will be accessing exactly the same learning as those at home.

Please note that school will be completely closed on a Friday afternoon as it was last term. The children will finish at their staggered Friday afternoon time.

How long will this last?

It is anticipated that the current measures will last until February half term but we will keep you informed as soon as we hear of any changes.

In the meantime, please keep as safe as possible and please get in touch should you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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