

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may now be aware, the Prime Minister has tonight announced that schools will be closed – and only open to the pupils of critical/key workers and vulnerable pupils.

I am sure you will be as annoyed as I am about how all of this has been organised by the government. It was only yesterday that the Prime Minister was saying that 'schools are safe'.

We were fully prepared to open, but now we will have to abide by tonight's announcement. However, I hope you will understand that an announcement at 8pm tonight means that we have some additional planning and preparation to do.

Therefore, we will be CLOSED to ALL pupils tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January) so that we can collate the responses from critical/key worker parents etc in order to offer places for Wednesday 6th January.

Please complete the critical worker form that we sent a text link for earlier this afternoon. We will contact you tomorrow if you are allocated a place.

From Wednesday 6th January, teachers will provide online learning again through Microsoft Teams. They will teach these live sessions from their classroom – as there will be some children in school too. I'm sure you can appreciate that this is not going to be easy – but we will do the very best we can.

I can only apologise for such short notice – and thank you all for your co-operation at this time.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Bott

Headteacher