



**Headteacher:
Mrs Jan Thomson**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement tonight I am now writing to you to let you know what the position is for us as a school community.

As we now approach another time of National Lockdown, we are so sad once again not to be able to have our school running in the way we would like and not to have our community together as one.

Although an understandable and necessary move for the safety of all, this is an extremely frustrating position for school leaders in terms of the **very** short notice we have been given, as we were told throughout the Christmas break and again on Sunday that schools **would** be open, and we now have just one evening in which to organise everything for tomorrow morning.

For most pupils, we will again move to our online learning platform Microsoft Teams which proved very successful during our closure in November. If you need a reminder on how to set this up for your child, it is on our website under the COVID-19 tab. Early Years Foundation Stage will be able to access their learning via Tapestry. We will hopefully be up and running from tomorrow and work will also be posted on the website (most of the feedback from parents indicated that this was very useful). We can also provide printed work for you if you need it, just email the school office and you can then pick it up once it is done for you.

However, please be patient with us, as staff had prepared to be in the classroom tomorrow and have planned accordingly which is very different to delivering learning online. Please bear with us if there is a delay to the start of the first day. We will endeavour to get everything sorted as soon as is humanly possible! Staff will meet remotely tomorrow to further plan and discuss what more needs to be done and how we might further develop the use of Teams.

Children of critical workers and pupils recognised as vulnerable can attend school tomorrow where they will be fully supervised and will carry out their home learning.

If your child is eligible for a place, then please let us know **as soon as possible in the morning** if you would like to take up a place and which days you will need to send your child. Because of the short notice we have been given, for **tomorrow only**, this will start at 9 30 am to allow us time to sort everything out in terms of staffing and resources. From then on, the start time will be 8 45 am and we will finish at 3 pm. Below is the link from gov.uk so that you can see if your child is eligible for a place

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children)

If your child is in receipt of Free School meals, then we will contact you as soon as possible once we have spoken to our provider.

I want to reassure you that the wellbeing of the children and the staff is my priority at all times, and I will continue to try and make reasoned and sensible decisions about the way forward as we have to adapt to an ever-changing landscape in the education system.

I will be in touch again soon with any new information.

With my kindest regards

Mrs Thomson
Headteacher



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