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Dear Families,

I apologise for contacting you so late in the day. As has been the case throughout the pandemic, things can change at very short notice. Like you, we hear about any changes from the news at the same time as you. This, as you can imagine, can be very challenging.

As things stand, school will reopen tomorrow **Tuesday 5th January** strictly for **vulnerable children and the children of critical workers only**. Morning arrangements will change slightly so that teachers can process information regarding the critical work undertaken by parents on entry to the school.

Therefore the children who fall into the category of being vulnerable or a child of a critical worker in Nursery, Year 1, 3 and 5 are asked to arrive from **8.30am-8.50am** and Reception, Year 2, 4 and 6 from **9.00am-9.15am**. This is to give an appropriate length of time for the necessary paperwork to be completed whilst ensuring we minimise the number of adult's onsite at any given time. Evening arrangement will remain the same.

Due to the fact that the virus is now considered to be considerably more infectious **face coverings must to be worn**, by all adults, on the approach to school and whilst on the premises. **Please can I encourage all parents to maintain at least a 2m social distance at all times, and leave the playground once your child has entered the building? There are social distance markers on the playground outside each classroom entrance, please do use them.**

Our leadership team will meet tomorrow to plan our response over the coming weeks. Our main areas of focus will be:

1. Reviewing the key worker status of our families.
2. Reviewing the school risk assessment
3. Making plans for blended learning moving forward.

Given the fact that we have been given very little time to plan and prepare for tomorrow teachers **will not** be providing remote education until **Wednesday 6th January**. As you can imagine this may take some time and we appreciate your support and patience.



Our school is blessed with a committed and professional staff who will continue to do all they can to limit any long-term impact that this pandemic may have on our pupils.

Best wishes



**Evelyn Clayton**

Acting Headteacher

