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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have heard the Government has announced that all school should close from today (Tuesday 5th January) due to a national lockdown.

Schools have been asked by the government to continue to open the school for vulnerable students and children of 'key workers' to allow those parents to play their part in this national crisis. We are indebted to all key workers, for all that they are doing in such challenging times and will do everything we can to enable them to continue to offer this service.

In providing childcare for those essential workers who cannot educate their children at home, a vital part of our responsibility is to do everything we can do to minimise the chance of the virus spreading amongst the children and staff who do need to come into school. We know that the virus is spreading much quicker than it was previously. Please bear in mind that if we have any positive cases in school the children and staff identified as being a close contact of the case would need to self-isolate for 10 days.

We are asking all parents to ensure that we keep the number of students in the school each day to an absolute minimum and enforce the government advice "to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend".

Please find attached a vulnerable children and key worker registration form. We would ask that this is completed as a matter of priority if you are needing a place in school for your child please so that we can make the necessary arrangements. **Forms must be returned by 1pm today.**

Once we know the children who will need places we will send a further form so that parents can inform us of the days that the children need to come in.

There are likely to be a number of further communications sent out to parents throughout the day so please watch your inbox closely.

Once again, I can only apologise for the last minute notice of such matters but we had no prior warning of the announcement yesterday so have been putting plans together and meeting with colleagues since last night.

Best wishes,

Claire

