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Dear Parents/Carers,

National Lockdown Announcement

I write further to the announcement made this evening by the government regarding a new national lockdown which means that schools must close until February half term. Under this new directive our school would close except for children of 'key workers' and 'vulnerable children'. A full list of 'key workers' is available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> For example, key workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home and complete home learning which we will provide from tomorrow. We are very disappointed to have to close our school after only one day but have no choice due to the significant cases of Covid nationally which is forcing the government's decision in this matter.

We will be sending out a text to parents to confirm if your child can attend school from 5th January (usual school times and entry/exit gates apply).

We have a list of eligible children on our text messaging system from the previous lockdown in March and with such short notice we will be using this to contact parents that we consider eligible. You will receive a text if our records show your child was offered a place in school previously. However, we appreciate that more children may be able to attend, or some of those on the previous 'key worker' list may not now be eligible, so please accept our apology if our information isn't fully up to date. We can only ask at this late stage that you keep your child off if you don't receive the text tonight and contact school in the morning to discuss whether we can offer you a place.

I understand that these are very challenging times and the situation is changing rapidly. Please accept our sincere apologies if this new directive causes disruption to you and your family. We will send out further information as it becomes available. Please ensure that we have your up to date address and mobile telephone number to ensure that we can contact you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Laura Snowdon (Headteacher)