

January 4th 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that we are facing challenging times and that we need to work together in order to protect you and your family. As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on [self-isolation](#), [household isolation](#) and [social distancing](#). The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, to reduce the current transmission of the virus.

Schools will remain open **only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

Obviously, the more children who attend school, the less effective the lockdown will be. That is why we must work carefully and sensitively together in order to give the spaces in school to those pupils who absolutely need it.

This school provision is for key workers and vulnerable children who do not have another adult to look after their children safely at home. On the days when your child can be looked after safely at home, they must not come to school.

School will be **closed to all pupils** on Tuesday 5th January 2021 in order to make preparations and necessary arrangements for home learning and key worker provision.

School will re-open from Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 8:40am until 3:30pm for all eligible children. Breakfast club and After School Enrichment Clubs will now be cancelled until further notice.

As has been outlined, we must work together in order to keep our children safe. From Wednesday onwards this school will be providing a limited provision for as long as the lockdown is in place.

Please contact school via Study-Bugs as soon as possible, stating which days and times you require this provision, for example if you work part-time, your child will only need to attend on certain days at certain times. If we have not heard from you **by 11am** on Tuesday 5th January, it is assumed that you will not require this provision at any point and your child will remain safely at your home until schools re-open. However if your situation changes during the lockdown please do inform school as soon as possible.

We ask that you continue to work with us in this difficult ongoing situation and let us know your requirements as soon as possible in order to draw up registers and make this provision safe.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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