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Dear Parent Carer,

Yesterday's Government announcement confirmed that we will be entering a National lockdown which will to come into force on Wednesday 6 January.

During the period of national lockdown, schools, alternative provision, special schools, and colleges will remain open to vulnerable children and young people and the children of critical workers only. If you would like to discuss if your child meets this criteria, please contact the school. At present we are categorising "vulnerable pupils" as; those children with full EHCP's, permanently excluded pupils and families who receive support from external professionals. We will, however, be considering provision on an individual basis, based on if we can safely manage pupils on site.

A list of critical workers can be found on the DfE website.

## **Available Provision**

It is with a heavy heart that we must therefore close our provision to all pupils that do not fall into one of these categories. Please be assured that staff will be providing appropriate, challenging and engaging remote learning for pupils unable to access school and staff will be available throughout the school day to support with home learning.

Your child's teacher will contact you to discuss how to access remote learning and ask if you need any additional resources. For pupils that do not have access to electronic devices such as lap tops, we can drop off work packs at your home address.

Please follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with online activities and school news.

## **Free School Meals**

Schools remain responsible for providing free school meals for eligible pupils. The majority of our pupils are dual registered which means that the mainstream school will be contacting you regarding how you wish to receive meals.

These measures will now be in place until February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

Kind regards

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