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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister, you will know that all schools are now open only for children of critical workers and those classed as vulnerable.

To ensure that we can support the purpose of the national lockdown, we ask that parents whose work is critical to the Covid-19 and EU transition response only request provision at school if their children cannot be safely cared for at home.

Please use the school email address to request a place for your child/children. It is essential that you let us know which days you are requesting in advance. Please remember that you should only request days that your child/children are unable to be safely cared for at home. It may be necessary to ask you to provide a letter from your employer to state that you are a critical worker. Currently we will be sticking with the same arrangements for drop off and pick-ups; we will let you know if this changes. Children attending school also need to wear school uniform.

We have been in touch directly with families whose children are classed as vulnerable if they are not currently attending school. The government's guidance is that all vulnerable children are expected to attend school unless they are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable or need to isolate.

Remote learning will be provided for all pupils who are unable to attend school. Teachers will use the Seesaw platform to set work for children which will mirror what is taught in school. Further details will be sent shortly. If you require support from school so that your child can access a device at home, please let us know as we have some laptops which can be loaned to families to ensure children are not disadvantaged by their lack of access to a device.

We will also be contacting families of children who are entitled to free school meals to let you know about provision. Our school cook, Vicky, is still able to provide meals in school although there may be some adjustments to menus.

I am sure you will appreciate that there are still many things to be organised and implemented. Thank you for your patience and understanding and be assured that I will be in touch again very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Sheena Sinclair
Head Teacher

