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Dear Parents and Carers,

Tonight the Government announced a full national lockdown, meaning schools will now be closed to **all but 'critical workers' and the most vulnerable pupils for the foreseeable future**. This provision will need to be managed alongside remote learning for all our pupils, utilising our current staffing levels.

The current nationally agreed eligibility criteria can be viewed using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If parents think they fall within the critical categories above, they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

While the guidance regarding parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response has expanded since the initial lockdown in March 2020, many parents working in these sectors may still be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

**Please, therefore, follow these key principles:**

1. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. **If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.**
3. **Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.**
4. **Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.**

**If you believe that you fit into any of the eligible categories and need school to remain open for your child, please complete the form and return as soon as possible via email so that we can process your form.**

We won't turn any 'applicants' away tomorrow, but will make contact with those who have returned a form to us by the end of tomorrow to confirm whether the school can accommodate your child from Wednesday onwards.

**For tomorrow, children who need to come in based on the information above, should arrive at their normal time and go to their normal classroom as we await further advice.**

I will be sending out another letter tomorrow regarding learning at home arrangements and how to collect any belongings for those children who will not be back in school.

Kind regards,

Mr Andy Clarke - Head Teacher

