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Dear Parent / Carer

There has been much in the news over recent days regarding the new variant of the Covid-19 virus. As a result of this, the Prime Minister has this evening announced that:

- schools will close to the majority of pupils with effect from midnight tonight. Pupils not attending school will access learning remotely.
- schools are likely to remain closed until at least February half term.

Schools will continue to offer places for vulnerable children and children of key workers. Key workers are defined as:

Health and Social Care Workers • Doctors • Nurses • Midwives • Paramedics • Social Workers • Care workers • Support and specialist staff required to maintain the sector • Health and Social Supply chain	**Utilities, Communication and Financial Services** • Essential Financial Provision • Oil, Gas, Electricity and water workers • IT and data infrastructure • Civil Nuclear workers • Chemicals workers • Telecommunications workers • Postal service and delivery • Payment providers • Waste disposal sectors	**Key Public Services** • Justice system workers • Religious staff • Charities delivering key frontline services • Workers who manage the deceased • Journalists and public service broadcasters
Local and National Government • Those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of COVID-19 response and EU transition • Delivery of essential public services, eg payment of benefits	**Necessary Goods (Food, Hygiene, Veterinary medicines)** • Food Production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery • Those essential to the delivery of other key goods	**Public Safety and National Transport** • Police and Support Staff • Ministry of Defence • Armed Forces Personnel • Fire and Rescue • National Crime Agency • Border Security • Prison and Probation Staff
Transport (Passenger and Freight) • Air, Road, Water, Rail	**Education and Childcare** • Childcare staff • Support and Teaching staff • Social Workers • Specialist education professionals	

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Many parents working in these key sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept safe at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

If your circumstances have changed since July 2020, or you have joined our academy since the start of the autumn term, and believe you may be eligible for a key worker place, please respond with the following information:

Child's Name and Year Group	**Your name, occupation and employer (please provide as much information as to the nature of the work you do if it is not obvious in your occupation title)**	**Your partner's name, occupation and employer (please provide as much information as to the nature of the work you do if it is not obvious in your occupation title)**

If you are not sure whether or not your child(ren) is/are eligible for Key worker places, then please contact the school prior to the start of the day.

Remote Education
Further details regarding access to remote education will be communicated to you tomorrow:

This was not the start to term we had hoped for, and we appreciate that this will be concerning for parents. However, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions regarding tonight's announcement, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Tibble
Head Teacher