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Dear Parent/Carer

You will, undoubtedly, have seen the announcement by the Prime Minister tonight that schools are, yet again, to close. It is not a situation we wanted to find ourselves in and whilst I understand the rationale behind it, I am once again frustrated by the timing of it all.

The school will be open to children of critical workers, vulnerable children and those who have an EHC plan. Our previous lists are now outdated as the guidance was updated on the 31st December. You should find a copy of that guidance attached with this letter.

Having only heard the decision at the same time as you, I am sure you will appreciate that this is very short notice and we will endeavour to put our procedures in place quickly to avoid disruption for you. If you feel you meet the criteria and need your children to be in school during this time, then please bring them in tomorrow as normal. We will then review our critical worker lists and confirm whether we can offer you a place from Wednesday. This will be dependent on parents meeting the criteria within the guidance and appropriate levels of staffing. It is important for you to be aware that this is subject to change at short notice. Please keep an eye on your emails so we can liaise with you over places as soon as possible.

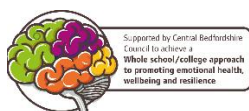
With regards to the children who do not meet the criteria, remote learning will be shared with the children by their teachers. I ask that for tomorrow you look at Google classroom for activities already set, or at the extensive resources on National Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize whilst we manage how our staff will be utilised with the children in school. The more structured learning will begin the day after, in accordance with our remote learning policy which you were sent last term and can be found on our website.

I am sure that you will have many questions; there will be further communication sent out to you tomorrow with more detailed advice and support and to reinforce our expectations/share contact email addresses with you.

I will contact you all before the end of the school day tomorrow.

Kind regards

Cath Bainbridge
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