

School Closure January 4th 2021



Dear Parent / Carer,

As you're probably aware, the government has announced that all schools in the UK must close from tomorrow except to pupils of key workers and those that are considered vulnerable (you will be notified by school if your child falls into this group). We must follow this instruction and therefore the school will be closed to ALL pupils tomorrow to give school staff the opportunity to make plans for key worker and vulnerable children to return to school on Wednesday 6th January and for other children to access remote learning from home. The ratios of staff:pupils allowed in each Key Worker bubble has not yet been shared by the DfE, we will clarify this tomorrow so that each group meets with health and safety guidance.

If you have not yet notified school that you are a key worker (see list at the bottom of this letter) please do so by no later than 10 am tomorrow morning.

We will put information on the school website regarding how to access remote learning for those children who are not in school.

As advised in previous letters, your child's learning is most important and it is crucial that at this time that we work together to enable your child/ren to access remote learning and continue with their education. If you have any difficulties please contact school immediately.

At present we believe that the school will be closed until February Half Term. We will keep you up to date as and when we receive further information from the government.

Thank you for all your continued support at this difficult time

Key Worker List:

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms-length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.