



04 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: National Lockdown announced by Prime Minister

Please accept my apologies for the late notice of this communication. The Pickwick team and the Heads from all our schools met this evening to plan our response to the Prime Minister's announcement earlier.

As I am sure you will have seen, Boris Johnson announced that the country will be going into a national lockdown as of tomorrow, and schools will be closed to all children apart from vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

As a result, our schools will be closed tomorrow to all children except vulnerable children and children of critical workers, where both parents or a single parent is a critical worker. As was the case the last time we went into a national lockdown, if one parent is a critical worker and the other is not, a place will not be available.

The list of criteria for critical workers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. If you believe your work is covered under the critical worker criteria, you may send your child to school tomorrow.

Please drop your child off at the usual time and location. In most cases your child will be taught by their usual class teacher, or a teacher well known to them.

No remote learning will be provided tomorrow whilst school leaders respond to this change.

Our school leaders will spend tomorrow reviewing the number of children attending, school staffing levels and remote learning plans. Following this, we will confirm whether your child fulfils the Critical Worker criteria and inform you if an on-going space is allocated for the duration of this lockdown period. Heads will communicate to you tomorrow with more information about the school's arrangements for the rest of the week for both onsite and remote learning provision.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Passmore".

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