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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing in response to the Government's announcement at 8pm last night, enforcing school closures from today - Tuesday 5th January 2021. We understand that this is extremely short notice for everyone, ourselves included. Whilst we have all been in this situation before, this still comes as a shock as we know how hard it is going to be, to juggle work, home learning etc.

Today was already a scheduled training day for all staff, which we will now be using to prepare for the next 6 weeks of remote learning. This will be communicated to you via Parentmail.

At the moment, Nursery will be open on Wednesday as planned. I have requested guidance on this from the Local Authority so will inform you if this changes. Please do check your emails at the end of the day.

Critical Worker Places and Vulnerable Children

The school will be open for vulnerable children (who will be contacted directly) and for children of Critical Key Workers. The current guidance for who is included 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#critical-workers> .

If you are a Critical Key Worker and do not have the facility for your child to stay at home, we are asking that you only request a place for this week if no alternative arrangements can be made. We are limited to the number of places that we can offer.

As in the March lockdown, please send in a copy of your critical worker ID, along with your working pattern for the dates that you are requesting a place. **If you are requesting a place for this week, we need to have all these by 1pm today. The database will then be closed and reviewed, with parents being informed of the place by 5pm.**

Please do not presume you have a place unless this is confirmed via email.

In order to support our Critical Key Workers who currently have an OOSC place, this will operate **from 7.30am** tomorrow morning though will need to close at the earlier time of **5.30pm**.

Remote Learning

For the majority of our children, we will return to remote learning. This will be scheduled to start in full from 9.00am on Thursday but there will be some activities sent out on Wednesday for you children to begin with.

If you would prefer a paper pack of work, please email office@allertonprimary.com today so that these can be prepared for you. You will then be allocated a time to pick this up. Please state your child's name and class, in the subject line.



Laptops

If your child is in Year 6 and requires a chromebook, please email the office to inform them. There is a form that needs to be signed and that once we have received that, they can be collected from school. We will email you times and dates for this. Please do not come to school until you have been allocated a day/time.

If you have previously informed us that you have no access to a computer at home, we will be in touch to arrange for one of the DfE Chromebooks to be picked up and used at home. These are limited and so it is only for those who have NO access.

Free School Meals

So far, we have no information on this due to the announcement being made late last night. We presume that the hamper system will begin again but will inform you as soon as we know more.

PLEASE DO NOT come to school until you are informed.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Please do not attend the site, or send in children if they have a place, if ANYONE in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, even if these are only mild. This is vital. If you do, any future critical worker place will be withdrawn.

We wish you all the best, as always we will continue to work together to best support our children and families. We appreciate your continued support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Helen Stott

Headteacher