

Dear Families and Friends,

The Chair of Governors and Senior Leadership Team have agreed the following:

We apologise but due to logistics, the school will close tomorrow to all children. As a school, we will take a measured and safe approach as always - as a result, we need to spend tomorrow having strategy meetings with all staff to ascertain new numbers of key workers and vulnerable children as well as getting organised to teach via remote learning. Further information about online learning will be sent out tomorrow, along with a learning timetable.

Key worker forms will be sent to you tomorrow morning via email and we need these to be returned by no later than midday tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January 2021). We will then be in contact with you before 4:00pm tomorrow afternoon. The key message is staying at home in order to keep safe to stop the spread of the virus. If you are able to keep your child at home then we urge you to do so, for the safety of our school community. Further and detailed communications will follow tomorrow morning.

We are astutely aware of how you feel after this evening's announcement and as many of us are parents ourselves, we share your emotions regarding the sudden news this evening. We will be doing everything we can to fully support you whilst your child is at home learning, with a range of broad and exciting activities for you complete, not only online but in material form also. We are genuinely sorry that this has had to happen, after such a lovely first term in school.

More details will follow tomorrow.

Kind regards,

P. Rydeard & The Senior Leadership Team