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## School Closure: Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, here we are again! Firstly, thank you for your patience during what will have been a very anxious and worrying time for you and an extremely busy time for us!

As you know it was announced on Monday evening, with 12 hours notice, that schools would again be closed for most children. This is not what any of us wanted or expected.

Our move to remote learning was helped slightly by having already been set up and working in Google Classroom. However, not all children were prepared with log ins and passwords etc and we didn't have a chance to provide books and paper packs in advance. We have spent time organising that this week.

Unlike during the previous lockdown, we are now obliged to give the same offer of learning to both those children in school and those learning remotely. But given that the children in school are either in mixed year groups or not with their regular class teacher, we are doing what we can to support the learning.

Nobody fully knows the personal circumstances of each parents' decision to apply for a place in school. Please be kind and refrain from making those judgements both on the parent and the school about who is offered places in school. Whether your child is in school or at home, all of us are doing our best for all of them. The notion that those in school will somehow be at an advantage is simply not true. They will be following the same programme, often not with their own teacher. Staff, many of whom have childcare dilemmas of their own, cannot be in be two places at once.

The new variant is highly transmissible and we have been instructed to limit attendance at school to absolute minimum levels.

Those of you who have indicated your eligibility for Critical Worker status will be contacted separately with specific advice and information.

Please note that if you need to contact a teacher you can do that via Tapestry or Google Classroom. Please use the private message function to contact your teacher and NOT the class stream.



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The school is operating on a reduced number of staff- but we are here for you:

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Please look out for the weekly updates as we progress through this lockdown.

Keep safe and be kind.

Kind regards,

Maxine Sewell

Head Teacher