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Dear parents and carers

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No doubt you will have seen or heard the announcement tonight that we are about to enter lockdown once more. All schools in England will be closed to all children other than those who have been identified as vulnerable, and the children of key workers.

This means that from tomorrow you should not bring your child to school unless they are vulnerable, or unless you are a key worker and are unable to make alternative childcare arrangements at home. To request a place at school please complete the form by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vySo3dhhOUac-nunjMef2WByu0NT7mVEiqD17Ayom7dURE5GTU5CVTkzTVc5R1JWODVGRTA2UUc1OS4u>

Remote learning will be provided to everyone else. On the school website there are links to learning websites and other home learning materials relevant to each year group. Clearly the government, in making the announcement at 8:00pm tonight to close schools tomorrow, have provided scant notice for us to organise to deliver education to different groupings in school as well as those at home. Staff will work tomorrow to supervise children but also to plan a rota and system so we can continue delivering a great quality of education to everyone in school or at home. For this reason, teachers will not be available on ClassDojo until 12:00pm tomorrow, but there should be plenty of general resources signposted on the school website.

After that time, the teachers will set work each day for their class through ClassDojo and children will be able to submit assignments and receive feedback, as well as communicate with the teachers.

I will write to you to update you with any changes to arrangements any any further relevant information that arises. Meanwhile, we will do our best to make sure the children who come to school will be happy and feel safe, and that those at home will be inspired to keep learning. Thank you for your support - together we will get through even this.

With best wishes,

Ben Barker

Headteacher