

Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

Partial Academy Closure

As many of you will know, the government has announced a new national lockdown to stop the spread of the coronavirus. We again apologise for the late notice of these changes; we are sharing this with you as quickly as we can.

You can read more information about the national lockdown on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk) or by searching 'gov.uk national lockdown'

Children of key workers or 'vulnerable' children

As part of the new national lockdown, primary schools (from Reception onwards) and secondary schools are now only open for certain pupils.

From Wednesday 6th January, the Academy will be open only to children of critical workers, and those children determined as vulnerable by the government. Please see the updated document on our website about whether your child is eligible to come to school. If you are a key worker or your child/ren meets the DfE criteria listed, please ensure they attend school from tomorrow if you have been contacted by a member of staff. Before they attend, please ensure they are well, they do not have Covid-19 symptoms, nor do they have to isolate due to a confirmed Covid-19 case.

We will have all the normal safety precautions in place, and we will be making changes to arrangements to ensure we maximise the space we have in classrooms to reduce the risk further.

All other pupils - Reception to Year 6

All other children are being asked to learn remotely until February half term. We are of course sorry that we are not allowed to open to everyone. The staff team will continue to work hard to ensure that all the children, either in the Academy or learning from home, will have access to high quality teaching and learning.

If your child receives free school meals, but they are not currently eligible to come to school, then we will be making arrangements for food provision. We will let you know the arrangements for this shortly.

A letter will be sent to you this week and placed on our website providing you with arrangements for accessing remote learning. You can also find more information on our website. If your child has any difficulty in accessing remote learning, please be in touch with us directly.

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Thank you for your continued support, and patience as we make new arrangements once again in response to the new national lockdown. It is our sincere hope that with the vaccines rolling out over the next couple of months we are moving closer to the moment when our whole school community can be together again safely.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H Round'.

Helen Round

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