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Dear Parents/Carers

I am very aware of, and apologise for, the inconvenience and uncertainty that the need to change the plans for school opening will create for many parents and children. At all times we are attempting to balance the undoubted benefits to children from being in school as normal, with the obvious need to keep the whole school community as safe as possible.

As a result of recent events, and in consultation with the Chair of the Governing Body, I am writing to let you know that it is currently only possible for us to fully open the school to Year 6 children. For all other year groups (Foundation Stage, and years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) we can only accept the children of key workers, as well as vulnerable children. This arrangement will be in place until at least 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021, and we will review it regularly.

This decision has not been taken lightly and is based upon ensuring the safety of all children in school. This provision will start from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We will be setting up remote learning for all other children from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and will provide further information on how you will be able to access this as soon as we can.

In order for me to ensure that we have appropriate staffing in place tomorrow I would be grateful if you could complete the form below by 2.00pm today. If for whatever reason you are unable to return the form today please do not send your child to school tomorrow. There will be a further opportunity to add your child to this form tomorrow for them to start on Wednesday.

Children in Year 6 will be taught by their usual teachers and will continue with their normal curriculum as far as possible.

Children in the other year groups, who are able to be in school, will be taught by one of the teachers who normally works in that year, using normal rooms for that year group. They will undertake the remote learning that will be provided for all children in the year group.

The children will need to wear school uniform. Before and After school care will still be available for those who have booked to use the provision.

We will be continuing with the procedures in place at the end of last term for the beginning and end of the school day.

Timings will continue as they were last term. Lunch provision will also continue as per last term.

With many thanks for your continued patience and understanding.

Best wishes

Matthew Ingall  
Headteacher

Link to Key Worker form - <https://tinyurl.com/y8jusyjn>