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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure many of you listened to the Prime Minister's announcements last night regarding lockdown and school closures. Though this is not a situation I would have liked us to be in, we do at least have some clarity. I will write again over the coming days when we have been able to review any updated guidance. In the meantime, please bear with us as there will surely be changes and updates to the announcements.

The link to the Stay at Home guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

What the Prime Minister said and what we are doing so far:

- * Schools will be closed from today except for vulnerable students and children of critical workers. This will be reviewed on 15th February.
- * Most students will not return to school and instead will start online lessons from tomorrow (6th January). They must follow the expectations in the remote learning policy in regards to the learning to be completed each day
- * Teachers will be taking registers and expect ALL students to be involved. This will be completed via interaction with Google classroom and collection of learning packs.
- * If your child will have difficulty in accessing google classroom please contact the class teacher in the first instance. If your child does not have access to technology then please contact the office to arrange collection of a learning pack.
- * Vulnerable students and children of critical workers will be able to attend school from 6th January (more details will follow)- we will be contacting those families that are vulnerable and ask that if you believe your child falls into the key worker category then please contact the office (if you have not already done so).

Please note that the government guidance also states that 'many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'

- * Students in school DO NOT have to wear school uniform
- * Students in school will be supported to access online learning and will follow a normal timetable throughout the week

- Free School Meals (FSM)

- * We have not had any further information from the government regarding FSM but we are planning to provide meals in school for those students who are attending and vouchers for eligible students who remain at home when these become available

In order to prepare a viable plan, we need to have the information as quickly as possible. Only a small number of staff will be available, in these unprecedented circumstances, to supervise pupils as they need to minimise risks to themselves and their own families.

To this end, please can any parents who intend to send their children into school following the closure make contact with us as soon as possible by emailing admin@lillingtonschool.org as we need to have an idea of the number of pupils who may be in school in order to make appropriate contingency plans. Thank you to all those who have already been in contact with us.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. I want to reassure you that we will be working hard to make sure that pupils continue to receive high quality education and that they are supported through these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Victoria Wallace

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