

5 January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has now announced a new national lockdown because of rising infection rates of Covid-19 and to try to prevent the further spread of the virus.

As part of this, all primary schools, secondary schools and colleges in England, including our academy, are to be closed from today for in-person attendance, except for children of key workers or vulnerable children.

**From today:**

**If you or your partner is a key worker, or if your child is classed as vulnerable, then the academy will remain open**, as now, and we look forward to seeing as normal for teaching and learning.

For those attending in person, we will be maintaining the approach to safe working and infection control that we have adopted throughout the pandemic. As this will include additional ventilation, we would advise those attending to ensure they wear additional layers of clothing during this period of cold weather.

**For all other pupils, we will be offering remote provision – this is likely to be until at least the end of the February half-term.** High-quality remote learning will be provided to make sure our pupils continue to receive a consistent education. We know that this places pressure on you at a difficult time but your support in helping your child engage as much as possible is so important and we are very grateful for it.

This week, we will ensure that there is work available on Education City and the website, as in the previous lockdown, which will be available from tomorrow. Additional, relevant work, which we will use over the coming weeks, is available on the Oak Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/>.

We are, however, working on utilising a platform we have started to use in school and will send you details of how to access this via the Key Stage email addresses. This will enable us to send work alongside some videoed teaching to share with your child to support their learning and for you to receive messages direct from your class teacher.

We will continue to stay in touch with you of course. However, do let me know if you require any support relating to these new arrangements.

I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation. Please continue to take care and to stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs. Ruth King  
Principal