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Dear Parents and carers,

I apologise for the lateness of this communication but feel I need to let you know the current situation as soon as I have been made aware. Today Essex education authority have written to Head teachers asking us to move to remote learning on **Tuesday the 5th of January** and only be open to the children of key workers and those who are vulnerable. The definitions of this are to be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Essex authority is then meeting with the DFE tomorrow to agree the position moving forward. It is likely that the above will be the case until the 18th of January. The aim from the Government is to minimise the number of people in school and therefore the spread of the more virulent strain of the Covid19 virus and as such we are trying to reduce the numbers of children and staff in school.

If you are a critical worker, we would ask that you carefully consider whether you do have an essential need for your child to remain in the school setting for the first 2 weeks of term. If home-learning is possible for your child it will help contribute to drive cases down in your community.

We will be contacting you in the morning with a google form to complete to inform us if your child/children require a place under the above criteria. We will provide further information tomorrow once the school has assessed the number of pupils requiring this provision. Additional information will also be provided about the remote learning offer for the children remaining at home.

I am awaiting a press release from Essex County Council which will be communicated to parents/carers once I have received it.

Again, apologies for the late notice of the news but the school has moved as swiftly as possible to inform you and these actions have been outside of our control.

Kind regards,

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