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Dear parents and carers,

After tonight's broadcast from the Prime Minister, school and pre-school will be closed for all children, apart from those from *Key Worker* families and those identified as *Vulnerable*. Throughout this pandemic, schools have had no prior warning with regards to such announcements. As a Headteacher, I was still receiving emails from the government at 6pm on Christmas Eve and there was no hint of this taking place. Therefore, my dedicated staff and I are putting things in place this evening in order to make the next period of lockdown as successful as possible for our wonderful pupils, who we have missed dearly.

I'm hugely shocked, as I'm sure many of you are too, but I'm confident that in true Burghill-style we'll all be working together as a team during this latest phase of lockdown.

Due to the speed at which this has happened, my staff and I are going to be working even harder to ensure there is as little disruption to education as practically possible. Please allow us the next 24 hours to re-check some of the technology and relevant digital resources to ensure that you, at home, are all ready to receive your children's work via Teams. Apple Class will continue to be communicated through Tapestry. We have already had one or two parents struggling to log in, however it is only our IT providers who are able to reset these. Please bear with us. I will be sending further information tomorrow regarding the timings of the daily 'Engagement and Expectation' meetings that pupils will have with class teachers during the upcoming period of Remote Learning, as these will be carefully timetabled to allow all children with siblings a fair chance to access from a single family device. The earliest for these meetings will be Wednesday 6th January.

For those families of Key Workers (see Appendix A) and vulnerable children, who are identified by the school, we will be open tomorrow. **However**, if you are a Key Worker and are able to cover childcare for tomorrow, we would encourage you to do so.

Please can all those who come under the remit of 'Key Worker', email the school office with the following details:

- Name of child/children:
- Profession of both parents:
- Days required (as best as you possibly know):

It sounds like this new phase of lockdown could be for a number of weeks, so it is important that we get this right and the information you give us is crucial. I have no doubt there will be teething problems with some aspects, but we will be doing our very utmost to get this sorted.

I will be in touch again tomorrow with additional information. For now, please email regarding Key Worker information and also get logging on with your child's Office 365 account. The information was sent to you on the 19th November, however, I will reattach with this letter. Please try and locate the relevant passwords if you haven't already done so, otherwise email the office tomorrow.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please stay safe and look after yourselves and loved ones.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AD', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Alex Davies
Headteacher

Appendix A: Up-To-Date List of Key Workers

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)

- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors