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Dear Children and Parents,

Further to my letters at the beginning of the week, dated Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th January 2021, I write again to continue to communicate with parents. Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Monday evening, all schools were closed, apart from to children with parents as Key Workers and to children classed as vulnerable. As a school, and as you are aware, we had pre-empted this, and myself, our Senior Leadership Team, and our Governors worked over the weekend to focus on the health, safety and wellbeing of children, staff, families and the local community. However, due to the uncertain circumstances, we previously said that school would be closed for two weeks, until Monday 18th January, 2021. As you are now aware, the Prime Minister stated that schools will be closed for a longer period, until February half term. I want to reassure parents that we, as a school, have no 'inside information' on such Government decisions. It was purely myself and Governors reacting to the unfolding situation over the weekend that led us to the decision not to reopen on Monday due to Covid-19 related Health and Safety concerns.

As a result, we are providing childcare to vulnerable children and those with key worker parents while supporting the learning of all children through our Remote Learning offer which is in line with Government / DFE expectations and uses approved resources. This is available on Class Dojo and Tapestry and includes a daily timetable and set activities for English, Maths and general Curriculum subjects. If you can't access this on these platforms, please contact Nanpean School and we can arrange alternative learning for your child. This week, Teachers have been contacting families to ensure the wellbeing of our families and to help with any initial concerns in relation to the Remote Learning. These telephone calls will be frequent during school closures, as they were in the previous lockdown.

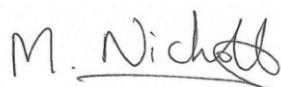
We have some children at school, where parents' key worker roles have dictated the need for this. However, a childcare place at school is a last resort at this time, as this would mean children mixing with other children, when the Prime Minister is advising against this with his message to *stay at home to protect lives*. As a Headteacher, I want to see every child attending school and happy every day, but at such difficult times, Health and Safety has to be paramount, and less children mixing at school ensures a lower risk to children, staff, families and the community.

This week, and as mentioned above, has seen the implementation of our Remote (Home) Learning system. This follows an updated proforma compared to the previous lockdown and is fully in line with Government / DFE expectations. However, I am aware that there has been a lot of information sent to parents this week, but hopefully, now this is set up, there will not need to be as much information for parents to read and understand, and the daily posts of work from class teachers will be sufficient.

Finally, myself and Mrs Houston always enjoy putting together a newsletter from school each week. However, as in the previous lockdown in the last academic year, the newsletters will cease during school closures, as there simply is not enough news to make this worthwhile. Instead, and as mentioned in previous letters, I will now update you further as appropriate through letters (such as this one), e-schools mail, and posts on Class Dojo and Tapestry, and when we hopefully have more of an indication of plans for the future, in view of any further Government announcements, I will endeavour to communicate as soon as possible. Currently, we are expecting children to return to school after February half term.

Finally, I would like to send you, the children and your families my best wishes at this difficult time. I hope you are all able to stay safe and I look forward to communicating with you all again soon.

Take care,



Mr M. Nicholls (Headteacher).

Lee Watts

Mrs L. Watts (Chair of Governors).

