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Dear Parents and Carers

Partial Closure of School January 2021

Following the announcement last night by the Prime Minister, our school will be closed to the majority of pupils.

We will continue to provide child care for children of key workers and vulnerable pupils. The guidance for this is here:

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

Stay at Home

Children should stay at home if at all possible. We know this is difficult and it is not in the best interest of our children but we have been asked to help save lives by protecting the NHS and we will do this as well as we can.

If one of our new, smaller bubbles were to close, then it will be closed to all pupils including those of key workers. This means the key workers might have to self-isolate and be unable to provide services so essential to everyone. This is why we are asking you to keep your children at home if at all possible.

Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

If you think your child should be at school because you are a critical worker and there is no one else to look after your child during the day, please complete the 'Request for a School Place Jan21' questionnaire and email it to sowens@bakewell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk today. You will be asked about other people, including those in a support bubble (excluding elderly or clinically vulnerable people) and including separated parents, who could provide care for your children at this time. You will also be asked about shift patterns so that children spend the least amount of time possible at school. I will contact you this evening to let you know when you may send your child to school.

If you are not a critical worker but think your child is vulnerable and needs time at school, please email me sowens@bakewell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk today.

If you feel at risk of domestic abuse and need help with these arrangements please email me directly and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

When should children arrive at school?

When I have a clear idea about how many children will be coming to school each day I will allocate them to new bubbles. I will then be able to let you know what time to drop off and collect your child. Please do not bring your child to school unless I have been in touch with you give you this information.

How will the children access lessons?

All children, including those in school, will be following learning set by our teachers on Teams. Children in school will be supervised by TAs. There will be a teacher and safeguarding lead person available at all times.

Children will be expected to complete all the work set by teachers. Please see our guidance in the **Home Learning** section of our website.

<https://www.bakewell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=79>

This week teachers will set work from White Rose and Oak Academy. They will be preparing for some bespoke lessons in English and maths each week.

Exercise books will be available for you to collect from outside school on Wednesday morning. You might want to do this as part of your daily walk or we can arrange to deliver them to your house.

I will be in touch about arrangements for **Free School Meals**.

We are here to help.

If there is anything you think I can help with or you want to talk something through please phone school and leave a message (01629 812389) or email info@bakewell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk If it is personal and sensitive then email sowens@bakewell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk and I will get back to you.

I too was upset by the announcement last night and worry deeply for our young people at this time, but there is light at the end of the tunnel and if we can stay safe and well during this difficult period, things will look much brighter in the spring.

'Facts not fear. Clean hands. Open hearts.'

Yours sincerely

Sarah Owens