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Dear Parents/Carers,

National lockdown – school closure to most pupils

Following last night's announcement, you will be aware that **we have once again been instructed to close the school to most children.**

As advised by the government, we will remain open for the following symptom free households/children:

- Children who attend our Nursery
- Children of key workers (with frontline key/emergency workers an initial priority)
- Children with an Education, Health & Care Plan
- Children who have an assigned Social Worker
- Children who the school deems to be vulnerable

This letter is just with regard to the above. Further information will be sent out regarding Remote Learning as soon as possible. In the meantime, work packs are available on the school website via <https://endonhall.staffs.sch.uk/school-curriculum/>. If the download does not start straight away when you click on the relevant folder, please right click and select 'open in new tab'. This should start the download.

Next steps for parents/carers whose children attend our Nursery:

Nursery will be open as normal for Nursery aged children from 8.45am - 3.15pm as of tomorrow (Wednesday 6th January 2021). If your child is in Nursery and you do not intend to send them in please e-mail browns@endonhall.staffs.sch.uk, stating the reason (for our attendance records). Otherwise, we will assume that they will be in as per their agreed hours from tomorrow.

We intend to keep Phoenix Club open, for those children attending school. If this applies to you and you would require wraparound care, please e-mail us regarding this. Our aim would be to close at 5.30pm rather than 6pm but we would like to hear from you if this arrangement in particular would cause you considerable inconvenience. We plan to keep the Phoenix opening time as normal (7.30am), for those children attending school.

Next steps for parents/carers whose children:

- Have an Education, Health & Care Plan
- Have an assigned Social/Support Worker
- Are considered by the school to be vulnerable

We will contact these parents/carers separately today and do not require any information to be e-mailed in from these parents/carers.

Next steps for parents/carers who consider themselves eligible for a place in relation to the vulnerable learner/key worker criteria:

The lockdown measures are intended to **significantly** reduce any non-essential mobilisation. The message is clear - stay at home. Therefore, **initially, children for whom BOTH parents/carers are front line key/emergency workers will be prioritised, along with those who attended as key workers during March - May 2020** (this does not include those who returned when schools opened more widely in June 2020). Once we establish which children this applies to we can take a view regarding the numbers of children in school and issue further information as and when required.

Quite simply, if we are inundated with key workers in school, this will limit our capacity in terms of the Remote Learning we can offer. This offer has significantly developed from last time, but is reliant on

staff being able to deliver it. The provision in school will, predominantly, be childcare. Teaching staff will need to prioritise Remote Learning. If your child can be cared for at home, regardless of arrangements for working from home, they should stay at home.

If BOTH parents/carers are front line key/emergency workers OR if your child/ren attended as key workers during March - May 2020, please e-mail keyworker@endonhall.staffs.sch.uk by midday today (Tuesday 5th January 2021).

Your e-mail must include:

- Your full name
- Your contact telephone numbers (at least two contact numbers per child)
- Your child/ren's full name
- Your child/ren's year group
- What key worker role both parents/carers of the child/ren undertake
- What organisation/s you work for

If you do not require full days, please include your requirements, based on your working pattern.

Please e-mail us from an e-mail address that you can access with ease and that you are happy for us to use. Please do not assume that your child has a place from last time.

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A response will be sent today to those parents/carers whose child has a place in school as of tomorrow (6.1.2021). If you do not receive confirmation, please do not send your child into school tomorrow.

We sincerely appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand and appreciate that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family as it presents a significant challenge to us all. The timing is particularly unhelpful.

It is difficult to comprehend once again being in this position, but we must follow the rules in order to work our way, together, out of this incredibly difficult situation. We will be here to try and support you all as best we can.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Best Regards,



Miss V Lewis
Headteacher