



Archdiocese of Birmingham
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Monday 4th January 2021

National Lockdown

Dear parents

As I am sure you are aware, the Prime Minister has announced another national lockdown which comes into effect at midnight tonight.

This will mean that school, once again, will have to change the way it operates. Tomorrow, we will send a survey to determine the provisions necessary for the children of 'Critical Workers' and for those who are classed as 'Vulnerable'. We will set up resources for high quality remote learning and contact you to support you getting online ready for remote learning. We also, very importantly, need to complete a new risk assessment to ensure those who do use the school building are as safe as they can be.

As I write this letter at 9.15pm, we are yet to receive communication from the Department of Education about the next steps following the surprise announcement tonight. I share your frustration at this last-minute announcement. I am sure you will appreciate that this will take some time to organise and I have set out the arrangements for the coming days below:

- Tuesday 5th January 2021 – School CLOSED to ALL PUPILS
- Wednesday 6th January 2021 – School CLOSED to ALL PUPILS, Remote Learning Begins
- Thursday 7th January 2021 – School OPEN to agreed groups of Critical Workers & Vulnerable children

There will be lots of communication over the next few days. I know I can count on your patience and support whilst we adapt to the new conditions enforced on us by the government.

God bless

A Crehan
Headteacher