



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, can I apologise for the late nature of this email. I had it all ready to send an hour ago when the whole Teachers2Parents system crashed nationally. Every school in England probably trying to use it at the same time I would imagine!

I am sure, like me, you have just watched the press conference from Downing Street announcing that schools will be returning to home learning until February half term. We all know this is far from ideal (and the timing is simply ludicrous) but we must all play our part in trying to reduce the cases and deaths caused by this hideous virus no matter how inconvenient it is for parents and school staff alike.

School will be closed to all pupils from tonight. This will enable staff to receive training in a new form of home learning, allow them to prepare quality, meaningful lessons to go online, set up the necessary technology and allow us to put systems in place for key worker provision. This will all start from **Wednesday 6th January**. Parents/carers will receive a detailed letter tomorrow highlighting this new, improved style of home learning and details on how to book children into the key worker group, should you fall into this category.

I appreciate that for many parents/carers this level of clarity will come as a welcome relief as I know some of you have grappled over the weekend with the 'is it safe/is it not' debate. For others, I know it is going to cause a massive headache and be a major inconvenience. Here at Woodstone, you know that we always put the welfare of the children first and we will do our very best to provide the best possible experience for children as they work at home.

I think we all probably knew this announcement was coming but the timing is particularly annoying when we have all worked hard over the weekend to make school as safe as possible and you as parents/carers have been so supportive when preparing and sending your children to school today.

Please look out tomorrow for the very important letter which will give a lot more detail.

In the meantime, thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

P. Mullins

Headteacher