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School place application for children of critical workers

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the recent announcement from the Prime Minister, that all UK schools **MUST** close, we are writing to officially notify you of Bridgewater Primary School's closure.

This is a difficult situation which impacts us all, but we believe that the closure of schools is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home. **Only if it is absolutely necessary should any child attend school. If your child can remain safely at home, please make this your priority.**

We are proposing that remote learning will be available for all our pupils from **Thursday 7th January** (further letter to follow) and that the children of critical workers and vulnerable children may attend school from **Monday 11th January**.

A list of critical workers provided by the government is available via this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

If you identify as a critical worker and it is absolutely necessary for your child to attend, please complete this short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DTBNXYP> by 6pm today **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

Staff in school will contact the parents of vulnerable children (children with a social worker or Education Health Care Plan) to offer them a place.

Once we have received all applications, if you are eligible for a school place you will be notified via email by the end of day on Thursday 7th January.

School must be aware of any children intending to come into school in order for us to operate safely. Further information will be sent to these children's parents about the organisation of the school day. Please note that the children may not be taught by their class teacher and will complete remote learning supervised by other school staff.

We would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Henderson
Headteacher

