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Government announcement and school closures

Dear parents and carers,

I am sure you have all heard the government announcement made this evening that we are entering another lockdown and schools will now be closed to all pupils except those classed as vulnerable or children of critical workers or keyworkers. This is incredibly late notice for us all to work to and for parents to organise and make arrangements. We are currently busy organising provision for these eligible children and remote learning for all others.

The definitions of vulnerable children and children of keyworkers / critical workers can be found [here](#). If you believe your child may fall into one of these categories please complete this [short survey](#) so we can plan staffing for each day going forward. The form needs to be submitted **by 10.30am on Tuesday 5th January**. If eligible your child can then attend school **from Wednesday**. Please note we may need additional information tomorrow and may make contact with you for this. We will endeavour to provide a place for every eligible child who requires one but in the event of very high numbers this may not be possible.

If your child is NOT classed as vulnerable and is NOT the child of a critical worker they will be now commencing home learning with remote sessions from a teacher for parts of the day. We will send further details of this home learning during tomorrow. In the meantime this week's home learning for each year group will be available on our school website, should you wish to begin home learning tomorrow: <https://www.theavenueinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=HOME+LEARNING+January+2021&pid=165>

I appreciate this is a frustrating and worrying time for us all but all the staff at The Avenue recognise this is the best course of action for everyone's safety and we will continue to work hard to support your child's learning and well-being either in school or remotely over the coming term.

I will write again tomorrow with further details and clarification.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours in partnership,

Helen Morrall

Headteacher