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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### SCHOOL CLOSURE – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is with sincere regret that I write to you this morning to inform you that our school **will not be open** to all pupils tomorrow. Instead, we will only be able to accommodate the children of key workers and those pupils that we know are vulnerable.

Following very recent guidance from Unions, staff have communicated their concerns and feel that opening school to all pupils is not yet safe. The most recent advice from SAGE is that schools should not open in January other than for children of key workers and vulnerable children. This is because the scientific advice is that it is not safe for schools to open. There are new variants of Covid-19 that are highly infectious and infection rates have increased significantly since schools closed in December.

The Governors and I appreciate that this news will be problematic and upsetting for many of you and sincerely apologise; however, following the national dialogue between Unions and Central Government over the weekend, and having liaised with staff late into the evening, this is the first opportunity I have had to inform you.

I have a list of pupils who I am aware meet the eligibility criteria and will contact families directly to inform them of a place in school during this difficult time. If you feel that you are eligible for a place and/or your circumstances have changed since we were last faced with this difficult scenario, please let me know as a matter of urgency via [rachael.tyler@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:rachael.tyler@knowsley.gov.uk)

A full list of key worker / vulnerability criteria is can be accessed using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

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As you know, our priority has always been to maintain a COVID safe community and it is vital that school is staffed robustly so that the integrity of our bubbles is maintained. I sincerely hope that this is a temporary situation and will keep you all informed as the situation progresses.

As always, thank you for your support and please do get in touch with me directly should you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs R Tyler**  
(Headteacher)

