



4 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: School closure from tomorrow - Tuesday 5th January 2021:  
School only open for vulnerable children and children of 'key workers'**

I hope that our families have had an enjoyable Christmas break and I wish you all a Happy New Year.

**I regret to have to inform you that Oakdale Junior School will be closed to all children (except vulnerable children and children of 'key workers') from Tuesday 5 January 2021.** This is due to the continued spread of coronavirus in the community. The number of staff unable to come to work is so high that it is no longer possible to safely open the school to all children.

Those children identified as 'vulnerable' or whose parents/carers are identified as 'key workers' should continue to come to school as normal, using the staggered times and usual entrance/exit for their year group.

**Vulnerable children:** We will contact those parents **directly by text** to confirm that those children should come to school.

**Children of key workers:** For children in Years 4, 5 and 6 we will refer to our key worker list from the lockdown last summer. **For children in Year 3**, parents/carers should complete the attached form.

If you believe that your child falls into the vulnerable and/or key worker category but is not covered by the statements above then please contact the school via email at [office@oakdalejunior.co.uk](mailto:office@oakdalejunior.co.uk).

All other children will undertake remote learning. The detailed arrangements for remote learning will be sent to parents/carers tomorrow.

If you have any questions, please email the school office.

I am aware this will be inconvenient for our families but it is really not possible to safely run the school with the current situation. At this stage, it is not possible to state exactly when children will be able to return. I will review this situation on a daily basis, along with closely watching how things take shape nationally, and I will ensure that parents/carers are kept up to date.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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