



4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, I emailed you today to inform you that we will be welcoming all pupils back to Croft School tomorrow.

This evening, as part of the country's ongoing response to Covid-19, the Prime Minister announced that all schools and colleges in England would be closed from Tuesday 5th January to everyone except the children of critical workers and those who are considered vulnerable. Therefore, I have to regrettably inform you that we will be **partially closing the school from Tuesday 5th January until February half-term.**

I would like to emphasise that we have had no additional information from the government and indeed have spent today planning for the return of all children tomorrow - the situation we now find ourselves in presents a significant challenge for families and for school planning - however, we do have robust plans in place for all children to continue with their education remotely during this period of enforced closure and shared our remote learning policy with all families earlier today.

Remote learning will begin as planned for **all pupils who are unable to attend school** as outlined in the Remote Learning Policy that I circulated this afternoon.

Meanwhile, I will await further guidance from the government in respect of many issues, including the provision of Nursery places and Out of School Club and will of course be in touch with all parents as soon as we have more information to share with you. This week, staff and I will be in school responding to the government guidance as it emerges and initiating our remote learning strategy.

**Where at all possible, children should remain at home with appropriate care.** Provision will be made for children of critical workers and for vulnerable children. Again, we await more detailed guidance in this respect but please see the link below which details categories of critical workers. Please note that we will require you to send proof in the form of a letter from your employer (unless this has already been provided to us during the last school closure in March).

**Please contact [admin@croft.dalesmat.org](mailto:admin@croft.dalesmat.org) ASAP if you identify as a critical worker and require a place for you child in school-** we plan this week for critical worker children to be taught in their current classes until we have more information.

<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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Yours sincerely

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