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Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure

Due to a high increase in coronavirus cases in our local area, I'm now writing to let you know that **we've been instructed by the government to partially close the school from 05.01.21 until further notice.**

We'll only be able to stay open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other children will need to continue their learning from home until the restrictions are lifted. Teaching and learning will be delivered daily via the class dojo app. This will need to be accessed daily.

We'll let you know as soon as the government instructs our school to reopen by contacting you via text, Facebook, dojo and Parent App. An update will also be on the website.

Remote education

You can find details of our plans for remote learning in the remote learning policy on the website. Remote learning will be via the class dojo. If you are unable to access this please let school know as soon as possible.

Free school meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, the government will issue guidelines on how these will be delivered.

A reminder of the definitions of 'vulnerable children' and 'critical workers'

Vulnerable children are those who:

- Have a child in need plan or child protection plan
- Are looked after by the local authority
- Have an education, health and care (EHC) plan and have been determined, following risk assessment, that their needs can be as safely or more safely met at school
- Have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable by the school or LA, including children who are:
 - On the edge of receiving support from children's social care services
 - Adopted
 - Living in temporary accommodation
 - Young carers

Critical workers are those who work in:

- Health and social care

- Education and childcare
- Key public services (including the justice system, religious staff, charities delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting)
- Local and national government who are involved in delivering the coronavirus response or essential public services
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you haven't already, please let us know if your family has had a change in circumstance which means you or your child now fall into these categories.

A copy of this letter and a consent form for critical worker and vulnerable children to attend school is available on the school Parent App. If you do not have access to this, please message via Facebook, Dojo or email head@greenlands.lancs.sch.uk.

This is as much as we know right now, and we appreciate your continued patience while we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and that it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by one of the methods stated above. Staff will be in school to answer the phone.

Thank you again for your support.

Warm regards,

Mrs S Cornwell
Head Teacher