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Dear parent / carer,

Following on from my communication yesterday, I regret to inform you that Langley First School will be closed to children from Reception to year 4 apart from those classed as vulnerable and children of key workers from Tuesday 5th January 2021.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly but is a result of the current guidance from teaching unions advising that a return to school should be moved to be inline with other education sectors.

From tomorrow all learning will move to online, with your child being able to access activities etc. through Seesaw or Tapestry. It is crucial that your child engages with and completes the tasks set online as these are based on the curriculum for your child and therefore will be built upon once the children return to school. We have a number of tablets / chromebooks on site which can be sent home to those families who are unable to access online learning. If you would like to be considered for these devices please email the school office. Please note, these will be prioritised to those children in benefit of pupil premium funding.

If your child previously attended during the first lockdown then we will make a presumption that they will again access the provision. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer need this place for your child then please email school to inform us.

If you now need a place and qualify for critical worker or vulnerable child status please check this link first <u>Critical workers and vulnerable children</u> then complete the short submission form which can be found <u>here</u>. We will only contact you if there are any issues in the coming days.

For those children who are attending school, the gates will be open as normal from 8:45.

Once again, I appreciate that this is not ideal and understand the pressures this can put on families. If there is anything we can help with or support then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our Governing body will be meeting tonight to discuss the current ongoing situation and please be assured that it will be under daily review.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation

Mr. T Jones Headteacher