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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so sorry that we are returning to a period of school closure for most children, this is the last thing that we all wanted, especially after an Autumn Term that saw children thriving again. We have been given Monday 18th January as a potential opening date, so we will hold on to that for now. Please rest assured that we will continue to ensure strong communication and support for you and your children.

In terms of preparing for home learning, I wanted to share some important information. We will have hard copies of home learning packs for families to pick up from us from 1:30pm on Monday 4th January - online lessons will begin on Tuesday 5th January. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulty in picking up the packs so that we can plan an alternative mode of delivery.

I appreciate that this is an incredibly challenging time for parents, but please may I remind you that all children are expected to engage with home learning. To support in this, if you have any difficulties with devices for online activities, we are happy to loan out school iPads for this period - please note, home learning cannot be completed on mobile phones. We are however limited in numbers of iPads, so families on Free School Meals will be given priority. Please contact the school office on Monday morning if you are likely to need an iPad, this will enable us to prepare for these to be picked up along with the home learning packs.

We will also be close at hand to support with any technical problems with Purple Mash or to support parents if children need a bit of a reminder of what is expected of them. As previously, we will monitor children's completion of tasks and feedback where possible. Full guidance on home learning will be sent on Monday.

I would also like to remind parents in KS2 to monitor how much time children spend online, previous experience has shown us that relationships between children can be significantly damaged through disputes when playing games online. We have also seen how these games can lead children to being vulnerable to online predators.

As you are aware, school will remain open for some children and, as with those at home, they will follow the same curriculum. The guidance on which children can attend school is outlined on the DfE website entitled, 'Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings.' As I am sure





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you will appreciate, with teachers and other staff taken up with supporting home learning, our capacity will be limited to those identified in the guidance. If you were eligible for this place in the last closure, then you will again. We will communicate with these families on Monday. If you are new to the school or have become a key worker, please either email me or contact the school office as soon as possible.

While it feels as though we have returned to a place of uncertainty, there is a lot of hope out there and things will start to look brighter in the not to distant future. We are in this together and we will get through it together.

My very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs Dolan'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Lorraine Dolan

