

Parent Rapid Update (January 2021)

4/1/21 Evening Update

This is a rough and brief update to inform you of our actions since the Prime Minister's unexpected, but equally unsurprising, announcement earlier.

It seemed inevitable, according to the rising virus data, but was still a shock to have to close the school to most pupils again.

More information will follow tomorrow.

Remote Learning

School staff will now begin **Remote Learning for all children** with their reintroduction to the online format and expectations. Pupils should log in to their Google Classroom by 9am on Wednesday 6th January to find everything they need to know from their teacher. Although we thoroughly prepared our Remote Learning Policy last year and spent time during the INSET day today anticipating a new remote learning eventuality, teachers still need time tomorrow to switch their face to face planning to online versions.

Vulnerable Children and Critical Worker care- starts Wednesday 6th January

School will be closed to all except those who are defined as Vulnerable and/or those whose parents/carers are Critical Workers (working to fight the virus or for infrastructure).

Please note before applying for a place:

- This is onsite adapted provision which is unlikely to be provided by your child's own teacher due to their remote learning work
- The more children we have onsite the less effective the national and local strategies may become
- The government have closed schools to most as a way to mitigate the latest spike in virus spread.

Please check the official definition of Vulnerable Children and Children of Critical Workers here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The form to apply for a place is here:

<https://forms.gle/xeKozuPmgRHCmiGC9>

This form is open from now and closes at **midday tomorrow Tuesday 5th January.**

After this deadline please email office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk if your circumstances change.

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It is necessary for us to create a register of attendance and then work out the staffing. Due to the short notice of the Prime Minister's announcement, even with pre planning, it is not possible to safely and thoroughly organise staffing and attendance by tomorrow. **School will be closed to all for Tuesday 5th January** as we wait for responses, prepare registers and coordinate staff based on the numbers. We recognise and empathise with the inconvenience created by the extreme short notice of the government announcement. Attendance for these children will start on Wednesday 6th January.

- The next update will follow tomorrow with more information about remote learning and onsite provision/logistics.
- Please continue to update us with your home circumstances regarding isolation and any positive cases. In this way, we can continue to track and feedback virus trend within the local community.
- Responses to any school queries may be delayed over the next few days as we switch over our extensive planning and processes.