



Ottery St Mary Primary School

4th January 2021

Dear parents / carers,

As you will be aware, this evening the prime minister announced a further national lockdown from tomorrow. As with the lockdown in March, our school will only be open to the children of keyworkers and vulnerable pupils. Prior to the Christmas break we asked parents to complete a survey identifying if they were a keyworker or would need a place in such a situation - many thanks to all those who completed this.

We are sure you will understand that with such short notice, there is much planning which needs to take place. As a result, **we are asking for all pupils, where possible, to stay at home tomorrow.** This will give us a chance to identify which children will be requiring keyworker or vulnerable places and to communicate with parents and carers any new drop off and collection arrangements.

We are acutely aware that this is extremely short notice for everyone so, if key workers or parents of vulnerable children are unable to make childcare arrangements for tomorrow, we will be able to offer them a place in school.

If your child needs to attend school tomorrow, please stick to the usual staggered drop off times from last term and wear a mask whilst on the school site. **If any child would normally walk to school by themselves and will need a place tomorrow it is vitally important that you leave a message on the school absence line or email us to let us know they are coming in.** This is an important safeguarding issue as it will highlight any children who we need to chase up urgently if they do not arrive at school on time.

Online work will be available as usual on the googleclassrooms. If you require technical support in accessing this work, please refrain from contacting the school tomorrow whilst we are planning our provision. We will be able to support with this after Wednesday when things should be a little clearer.

We will be working closely with Dolce tomorrow to ensure provision of free school meals can continue and will provide further details on this as soon as we possibly can.

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding,

Mark Gilronan

