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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Following the sudden Government announcement at 8pm last night by the Prime Minister, the country is entering a national lockdown. All schools and colleges are now CLOSED and move to remote learning. I heard it at the same time you did so have had very little time to prepare for this lockdown.

Mill Lane will be closed to all pupils except those who are children of key workers, vulnerable (with a social worker) or those with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). If you think your child is eligible for a place from Wednesday 6th January under the key worker or vulnerable category then please telephone the school in the morning to register on 01642 860055. Key worker provision is intended to offer support to families only when both parents need to leave the family home to attend work and there is no alternative childcare available. The aim is to have the least amount of children and staff mixing in school as possible, home being the safest option during lockdown.

For all other children, remote online learning will be provided from Wednesday 6th until February half term. This means that lessons will be delivered by teachers from 9am each morning face-to-face on iPad or laptop screens, so children MUST log in to Showbie and TEAMS each morning. Instructions for downloading TEAMS is included in this pack. Remote learning is new for us too therefore, I anticipate some teething problems, so thank you for your patience.

Timetables will remain as close to the school timetable as possible with all children ready to learn by 9am each morning. Jamie Poole will still deliver PE, Mr Dixon will still deliver ICT and Mr Nixon will still deliver Music and I am hoping that Mr Edmunds can still deliver Chess – all remotely.

We have yet to receive instruction about food for children who are entitled to Free School Meals, but I will let you know as soon as we do. Please make sure

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that we have your up to date contact details including phone number, address and email address so that we can contact you.

I will of course continue to keep parents informed through Facebook and by text.

If your child develops any of the main Covid symptoms, which remain as a temperature, cough or loss or change to taste or smell, please ring 119 and have them tested. If they are positive, please ring 07702 973625 to inform me.

Thank you to those parents who have sent messages of support, they are very much appreciated. I realise that the recent move into national lockdown arrangements will be making this a very difficult time for families as we all adapt to the new regulations. I am aware of the anxieties for parents and carers and, as always, Mill Lane will support as much as possible.

Happy new year. Please take care.

Very kind regards

Mrs Skillcorn
Head Teacher