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Dear Parents and Carers,

School closure Monday 4th January 2021 and Tuesday 5th January 2021

I know that you will have seen the news and will be very aware of the problems we are facing with education and the pandemic at the moment. I also know that many parents and carers are also feeling very anxious about their children returning to school.

As you know, we are currently in tier 4, where the government guidance is to stay at home and cases of COVID-19 are rising. The unions have advised staff not to come into school as they do not believe it is safe to do so. Legally, any staff are allowed to exercise this right. Due to this, I am unable to safely open school. Therefore, school will be **closed on Monday and Tuesday** this week to **all pupils** and once I am aware of exactly how many staff are available to me; I will attempt to open school; however, this may only be for key worker children and vulnerable children from Wednesday 6th January 21.

On Monday and Tuesday this week, the teachers will be planning for online learning and for onsite learning for the key worker and vulnerable children who need to attend school. Hopefully the online learning should be available online on Tuesday via ClassDojo and DB Primary along with the website.

I am trying to organise the Free School meal packed lunches to be available to collect from school from Tuesday onwards.

Breakfast and After school clubs will be closed.

We will be using separate entrances for EYFS and KS1, so all key worker and vulnerable children can start and finish the school day at 8:50 and 3:00pm.

Wednesday next week, 13th January 1:15pm, school will be closed to all key worker and vulnerable children so that the teachers can again plan for the children at home and at school. If this causes a real issue for you, please let me know by Friday 8th January, 3pm, so that I can try to arrange support staff to supervise your children.

Once office staff return to work tomorrow, we will send out a form for all key worker and vulnerable children's families to complete. Please return this by the time given on the form so that I can see how many staff I will need to keep these children safe in school.

I know this is very late notice for you, but I have spent the morning in meetings with the local authority, the unions, Corvus trustees and my school staff. I do believe this is the correct action to take at this time to keep everyone as safe as I possibly can.





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Please stay safe, and we will be in contact tomorrow with the form for key worker and vulnerable families to complete.

Kind regards,

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