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IMPORTANT UPDATE TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

6:00pm on Sunday 3rd January 2021

**LEMINGTON RIVERSIDE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL BUT CHILDREN
OF CRITICAL WORKERS, THOSE WITH A SOCIAL WORKER &
THOSE WITH AN EDUCATION & HEALTH CARE PLAN (EHCP)
FROM TUESDAY 5TH - FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY**

Please read this update carefully.

Dear Parents, Carers and the Lemington community,

As you will have seen in the media there have been real concerns raised that schools are not safe with the current high infection rates and the new strain of Covid-19 which is up to 70% more infectious than the previous strains.

This weekend we have received last minute guidance from Trade Unions that schools should close and only be open to vulnerable/critical worker children.

Staff have been asked to follow Trade Union advice that it is currently not safe to have large amounts of pupils in school who cannot socially distance. Trade Unions are worried also about the ventilation and the risk that all being in school will spread the virus more quickly. The SAGE Group (a group of Scientists that advise the Government) advised the Government just before Christmas that schools should not re-open in January, but the Government have not followed that advice.

I realise this is a huge last minute turn around and we are sorry for the challenges this will cause, but we have a duty to safeguard our children, staff, parents and community from Covid-19. We cannot safely open the school without the appropriate levels of adult-child supervision.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?



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Remote learning from home will start again via SeeSaw for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 from Tuesday 5th January. For children in Nursery, remote learning will be via Tapestry.

If you are normally entitled to benefit-related free school meals, we can offer packed lunches to be collected from school on a daily basis between 12pm and 1pm from the School Office. Please email headteacherLRPS@gmail.com or call 0191 267 4315 (between 10am and 2pm on Monday 4th) to place orders.

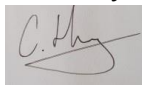
We will contact families with social workers and those who have children with an Education and Health Care Plan to offer you a place in our provision tomorrow (Monday 4th).

If you are classified as a critical worker and would like your child/ren to attend our provision, please contact us by emailing headteacherLRPS@gmail.com or calling 0191 267 4315 (between 10am and 2pm on Monday 4th). You can find out if you are classified as a critical worker by reading the guidance here > <https://www.lemingtonriverside.newcastle.sch.uk/.../122299>

The Critical Worker Children/Vulnerable Children provision will be open between 8:45am and 3:15pm every day. Children should be dropped off and collected from the Main Playground. Adults dropping off and collecting should wear a face covering (unless medically exempt) and observe social distancing from other people.

If your child has no access to a laptop, PC or tablet, we may be able to offer you the loan of a school laptop until school fully re-opens. To request the loan of a device email headteacherLRPS@gmail.com OR call school on Monday 4th January between 10am and 2pm.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.



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