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Urgent Response Required From Key Worker Families – by 1pm today

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Dear Parents,

Last night we heard that schools will close from today, 5th January 2021. With the decision being at such short notice there are quite a few things that the school has had to sort out today and during this week. Please bear with us while we put procedures and timetabling into place, however, Tynsel Parkes's staff will be here for you, supporting as best we can, at this uncertain time.

The Government are asking for the key principles to be followed:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. This will avoid unnecessary mixing and spreading of the Coronavirus.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable, or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

The Department for Education has now published a list of "critical workers" whose children will be prioritised for schooling during general closures because of coronavirus which are listed below:

Health and social care

Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector.

Education and childcare

Nursery, teaching staff and social workers.

Key public services

Those required to running the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

Food and other necessary goods

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

Public safety and national security

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

Transport

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

Utilities, communication and financial services

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

If you believe **you fall** into one of these categories can you contact the school by email office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk, or call 01889 229120 and let us know that your child will need a place at school, **by 1pm today**. If you have already emailed or spoken to member of staff this morning your child will be on the register. Please let us know what days/ and any TP sessions you require, who your employer is and your job role.

Children will need to come to school in uniform and have their water bottle and book bags. Lunches will be provided if children require them and they have been ordered in the usual way.

Further details to follow about home learning.

We will do everything we can for the good of the children, parents and staff of Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy. I am very grateful of your support.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Chandler

Principal