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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Following this evening's announcement by Boris Johnson we can confirm that school will now be closed to all pupils except those who are considered to be vulnerable or are children of critical workers. As such we will be switching to remote learning using a combination of daily Sways and live lessons on Microsoft Teams in line with our remote learning policy.

As a school we were preparing to reopen tomorrow and did not hear about the announcement prior to the broadcast at 8pm. As a result, we will need some time to make arrangements tomorrow. **The Local Authority have confirmed that Cambridgeshire schools will be closed tomorrow to allow arrangements to be put in place.**

There will be no live lessons tomorrow but we will publish a daily Sway link for each class in the remote learning section on the school website no later than 10:30am to allow home learning to take place. We will be in contact during the course of the day with details of remote learning arrangements moving forwards including a timetable for live lessons.

School will reopen to vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers from 8:45am Wednesday morning. The definition of these groups is set out below. **If you require a school place for your child please email me directly at head@folksworth.cambs.sch.uk outlining how your job role fits into the critical worker/ vulnerable child categories.** Please do not send your child in until we have replied to confirm a place.

Please be aware that if you take up a critical worker/ vulnerable pupil place for your child they will be expected to attend every day between 8:45am and 3:15pm. Bubble groups for these children will be formed and children will be supervised and supported to complete the school's remote learning offer from their bubble group.

Early Birds/ Stay and Play will be cancelled with immediate effect until further notice along with all after school clubs. Payments will be refunded onto the Kids Club HQ account by the end of the week.

We realise that this is an uncertain and unsettling time and thank you for your support and patience as we once again work through these changes.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury
Headteacher

Definition of Vulnerable and Critical Workers

Vulnerable children and young people

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
 - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
 - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
 - those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
 - those living in temporary accommodation
 - those who are young carers
 - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
 - care leavers
 - others at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff

- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)

- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors