

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement tonight from the government, I am writing to confirm that our school will not be opening for all children tomorrow as we were expecting to.

I am so sorry that we have all been put in this position so suddenly. I understand how concerned many of you will be feeling, especially as none of us have had any notice or time to prepare. However, please be assured that we are already planning and preparing to ensure we can offer our children and families the very best provision we can in the circumstances.

I have been in contact tonight with our school's senior leaders and the chairs of our Trust Board and Governing Body to agree the arrangements we will be putting in place.

Due to the short notice of the closure and the need for us to now plan our provision in school for vulnerable and keyworker children only, our school will be closed to all children for tomorrow while we prepare. This is both to ensure safeguarding and safety of children and staff, especially as there will need to be many revisions made. Provision in school for vulnerable and keyworker children will begin on Wednesday 6th January.

For tomorrow, remote learning will be provided for all children as described in our remote learning expectations document. From Wednesday, this provision will be continued for all children who are not eligible for a place in school. <u>https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/page/beaver-road-remote-learning-expectations/82335</u>

This provision will be ready and available for all children from 9am in the morning on our Seesaw and Tapestry learning platforms. If you have any difficulty gaining access to this, please contact the school office.

Tomorrow morning, you will be emailed a new keyworker provision application form with an explanation of the revised process to apply for a keyworker place. This will be different from last time as the eligibility criteria has changed and our capacity has increased from before.











We will be offering 285 places in total for vulnerable and keyworker provision in school. This provision will be offered on both school sites, in year groups and with before and after school provision if there is enough demand to make it viable.

Please note that you must complete this keyworker provision form by 1.30pm tomorrow in order to guarantee a place from Wednesday if you meet the criteria. If you have already emailed the admin team or any member of staff (including myself) requesting a keyworker place, these will not be considered as an application. You must complete the form circulated tomorrow to be eligible. Places will be offered out tomorrow afternoon in line with the priority order that will be outlined in the morning.

Once again, I apologise for the late hour of this letter and hope you understand that we are working together in the best interests of our whole school community.

Thank you for your continuing support. Best wishes,

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Mrs Liz Hardy Executive Headteacher







