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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Government announcement this evening, all schools in England have been asked to close from tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January) as part of a national lockdown planned in response to a surge in COVID-19 and a new variant in the virus.

This will mean that the vast majority of pupils will need to remain at home until further notice is available on when schools will be able to re-open.

We will be providing online learning for all pupils while our school is closed. All pupils will start their learning remotely as set out in my previous letter sent earlier today. Online lessons will start tomorrow as planned, for all students.

Our school will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers, as was the case during the national lockdown from March to June last year. These students will access the online lessons being delivered by teaching staff.

We will continue to offer free school meals for eligible children during this period while the school is closed. We will send vouchers in the coming days.

At the moment, there is no clear date for when primary and secondary schools will be able to re-open to pupils, but we will update you as soon as this information becomes available. The Government has confirmed this evening that GCSE and A-level examinations will not go ahead as planned. We will share more information with you on this as it becomes available to us.

We know this latest announcement will cause disruption for many families and we would like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we follow Government guidance.

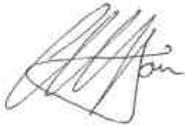
As a school we had planned over the Christmas break to ensure the school is as safe as possible for pupils and staff to return.

Your support is what got the school through 2020 and it is what will see us through the challenges of this next period.

While the school is closed, we encourage you to keep monitoring the Government's advice – the information can be found on the Government website: <https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus>.

We will continue to keep you updated and if you have any immediate questions please contact the school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Horn', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Horn
Principal