

Dear Parents/carers,

I am sure you have heard the announcement from the Prime Minister tonight. We were not told about this prior to 8:00 pm and, as you can imagine, it makes a mockery of opening the school today. I cannot understand why this decision was not taken earlier. We think we will have some guidance tomorrow from the Department of Education, but have received nothing so far.

Alongside many other schools, we have made the decision to close the school tomorrow so that we can plan for the next 6 weeks. This is far from ideal but we have been put in an impossible position. We will then reopen to critical worker children, etc. from Wednesday. Our emergency remote working plans for each year group on the front page of the website for everyone to use.

Tomorrow we survey parents to see what critical workers, etc. will need cover from Wednesday onwards so we can plan bubbles, etc. going forward.

We are asking critical workers to find childcare for tomorrow before we reopen on Wednesday. If this is impossible and you have no other options then please ring the school from 8:00 tomorrow and we will see if we can help.

I would like to apologise for this late message and I can assure you that I feel as angry about it as I imagine many of you feel.

We will be in touch tomorrow but please avoid contacting the school, unless it is very urgent. We have a great deal to sort out in a very short time.

Best wishes,

Mr D