



4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent

Following tonight's announcement from the Government, you are probably aware that we are now entering another period of National Lockdown.

This means that ALL schools will now be **closed** for all children other than Key Workers and the most vulnerable [Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings) with **immediate effect**. Children are not to attend school tomorrow unless we have made contact with you to identify them as vulnerable, or you contact us via email on [admin@roundswell.tarkatrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@roundswell.tarkatrust.org.uk) to inform us of your Key Worker status.

In order to keep our whole community safe and in light of the transmissibility of the new COVID strain, we must emphasise that as **many pupils as possible should remain at home** wherever possible, even if a parent is a Key Worker. This will help prevent the spread of the virus and ensure that our NHS has capacity to deal with the current situation.

Learning will move to the full online learning timetable from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January (please refer to the school online policy on our website). In the meantime, please check Tapestry tomorrow for some interim activities – these will be made available as soon as possible, but please be aware of this late Government directive and allow staff time to upload learning in the morning.

As our school policy explains, **online learning is compulsory**. It is no longer optional as per the previous lockdown. Staff will be checking for engagement and completed work on a daily basis, in order to provide feedback for children. This is vitally important, as it is anticipated that learning will continue online until at least February half term. It is our aim to ensure that education continues for children as best as possible, in order that they suffer no long term detriment.

We recognise that this is an incredibly worrying and stressful time for you all and hope that we can all be together again in school as soon as possible.

Please email if you have further questions.

In the meantime, take care and keep safe.

Kate  
Head Teacher