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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you fit and well and that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break, even if like many of us it was not the one you originally planned.

As you will of course be aware, there has been a considerable amount of discussion in the media over the past few days around the question of children returning to school on Tuesday. I am writing to you now, in the absence of any update from the Department for Education, to confirm that we do not have sufficient staff to safely open the school to all children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and therefore have no option but to move to remote learning for all children, in line with our protocol, with the exception of those with Educational and Health Care Plans, other vulnerable children and those children of Key Workers (as defined by government). I will write separately to parents and carers of children in these groups.

I do fully realise that this news will not be welcomed by everyone and I am truly sorry for any inconvenience that it causes some families, but I hope you can all appreciate that this is not a decision that has been taken lightly, but nonetheless is one that must be taken to ensure that children are safe.

I will write further when I am in a position to provide more news relating to a safe return to school to school for all children.

Kind regards

Miss K Aldred