

Faringdon Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with considerable sadness that I write to confirm that, in line with the new National Lockdown restrictions, we will not be able to open to children tomorrow as planned. Given the late notice of this change, we will need to close in full tomorrow while we identify key workers and vulnerable children and make arrangements for their provision.

Staff teams will be preparing remote learning for all other children to begin as soon as possible. Please ensure that you have your Remote Learning Pack and updates will follow.

We know that many of you will have conflicting emotions about these new restrictions. Despite our many anxieties, we had been working tirelessly over the last week to try to ensure that we had the safest possible environment for your children to return to. We are ourselves, overwhelmed by the announcements this evening and the thought of not opening our doors to our wonderful children.

As ever, we will do everything within our power to continue to offer support in all forms for our school community. I am sure that we will be in touch frequently in the coming days with information about important things such as Free School Meal provision and pastoral care, as well as remote learning for classes.

Actions for Key Workers and parents of vulnerable children

If you are a key worker and have previously completed a key worker identification form for us, please just email the office to let us know whether you need to take up a place in our key worker group. Please be sure to tell us which day or days the provision is needed so that we can manage numbers safely. In line with the Government's guidance, you should only send your child to school on days where you are working in your key worker role.

If you are a key worker and have not previously completed a key worker identification form for us (Reception and Nursery Parents, this is most likely to apply to you), please use the form attached to this email and complete in full for our records.

If your child is vulnerable and receives the support of a social worker, we will be in contact on Tuesday to arrange provision for your child.

We will work as quickly as possible to identify and group children and confirm places, including start times and arrival locations for these children.

Be gentle and kind with yourselves and with your children in the coming days. Our children may be unsettled and need love and support. At FIS, we entered 2021 with a determination to hold onto HOPE, despite the challenges, and we will be continuing to move forward with this in mind.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Sally Robins and the FIS Team