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Dear Parent/Carer

The vast majority of you will know that from the outset of this Covid-19 pandemic, Edward Peake have made the safety of our community: pupils, their families and staff our priority. We continue to do so and so I write to inform you that **we will be switching to remote education for ALL pupils except those of critical workers and vulnerable pupils until 18 January 2021**. Over the next 9 days, we will provide online learning via Google classroom for all pupils.

This decision has not been taken lightly but the safety of our community must come first. Case numbers have continued to rise in Biggleswade and Central Bedfordshire and we have a number of staff absences for a variety of reasons, including, of course isolation and illness. Once our risk assessment had been reviewed with the most up-to-date information, it was clear that we needed to take this extraordinary measure.

Year 7 and 8 were already due to be working remotely until 11 January 2021. You may well be aware that the DfE extended this date to 18 January 2021. Now, years 5 and 6 will do the same. Please contact the front office if you have any difficulties with accessing this.

We will review the risk assessment daily and should the situation change and we find ourselves in a position to invite pupils back for face-to-face learning, we will do so.

Over the next few days, school staff will be sorting out the details of mass testing for years 7 and 8. Some training has already been received and the tests have arrived. Of course, carrying out these tests is one way in which we can ensure the safety of our community.

Parents of Years 5 and 6

Please use this Google form link: <https://forms.gle/vj3JApBWBzAh1h2fA> to request a place as a critical worker. Please can you complete the form as a matter of urgency so we know who to expect in school.

A further letter about remote learning for all pupils not in school will be sent as soon as we can. As Key Stage 2 staff will be supporting pupils in school tomorrow, remote learning may not be available for Key Stage 2 pupils until Wednesday 6 January but all staff will upload work as soon as possible.

For the few pupils who will be attending school, please use the same entry and exit points and the same staggered start and finish times. Year 7 and 8 pupils are reminded to bring a face covering which must be worn whilst entering and exiting the building and whilst in communal areas such as corridors.



I can only apologise for the short notice that I have been able to provide - I fully understand how frustrating it must be as I have been experiencing the same frustrations myself.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z J Linington', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss Z J Linington
Headteacher