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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lockdown: remote teaching and provision for children of critical worker and others

I do hope that you and your family have managed to enjoy the Christmas break as best you could.

I write to you once again after the recent announcement from the government that schools will not re-open as planned.

I cannot tell you how disappointing it is to once again not be able to welcome children into school to receive their education face to face. Please be assured that we will do all we can to support them during this new period of lockdown.

This short message is to simply inform you that I will convene with my staff on Wednesday morning and then with our Chair of Governors. We will update you accordingly on the changes and the approach from the school in reaction to the latest changes.

In the meantime, I can confirm that remote learning will be provided and that there will be a provision in place for pupils of critical workers, pupils with an EHCP or those considered vulnerable. All of which will commence on the 7th January.

You can find an updated list of critical workers here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

After reading this guidance, if you feel you qualify for and need this provision, can you please email school tomorrow morning after completing the 'Critical Worker Status questionnaire'. You will need to complete this to ensure you have a place on Thursday 7th January. enquiries@ashtonsaintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

(Please remember this guidance was written before the Prime Minister's announcement and it states that some primary schools remain open. This of course has now changed.)

I understand that it is difficult to work from home with a child present but please consider carefully whether you really need to send them into school. We will be looking at the listing that we used in March 2020 as a basis of who should be in school. Please remember that this **does not** include the period during the summer term when certain year groups were invited to return to school.

Keep safe, keep positive and keep smiling.

Mrs G O'Brien

Headteacher