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Dear Parent or Carer

You probably watched the Prime Minister's announcement last night that schools will remain closed, apart from key worker and vulnerable pupils, until Monday 8 March 2021 at the earliest. The 'R' rate will very much determine whether we do open on this date.

In the week commencing 22 February 2021, the Government will publish its guidance on school re-opening. As soon as this has been decided, I will let you know.

This means that pupils will be working remotely for at least 2 weeks longer than expected. The engagement levels of our pupils has been magnificent, with the vast majority of pupils joining every lesson each day. I would like to thank you all for your on-going help and support, especially when I know you are trying your best to fulfil your own work commitments from home. It is hugely appreciated.

As I have indicated in my previous letters, I am encouraging staff to set more independent work for their classes as we move through the term and to finish lessons 5 minutes early so both pupils and staff can have a screen break and leg-stretch.

I would just like to direct your attention to the 'Remote Learning' section of our website, which has lots of information, advice, guidance and tutorial videos which I know has provided valuable support for lots of pupils and parents with their remote learning routines. Please click [here](#) to go directly to it. We also have a section on the website dedicated to Covid-19 information, which again has been very useful to lots of parents. Please click [here](#) to go directly to it.

If you are struggling with any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we will do our very best to help.

Thank you for your on-going patience, support and co-operation, it really does make our 'Eddies' school family special. Let us hope and pray that when all of our pupils do return to school it is a permanent return.

Yours faithfully



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