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5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re: Whole School Closure**

As you will be aware, we had to make the difficult decision to close school yesterday due to staff shortages. Since then the Government have announced that, as of today, all schools in England will be closed to most pupils, apart from for the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils, until further notice.

We are sure that everyone will understand that whilst the situation that faces us continues to be unprecedented, it remains crucial to maintain learning as best we can for your child/ren. With this in mind, learning will move to remote provision from tomorrow, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, for most children. Please see the attached document, which gives more detail about the planned provision. We have developed our previous models of remote learning and believe that this offers your child(ren) the best opportunity to continue learning during this enforced absence from school. This is a new way of teaching and learning for most of us, so please bear with teachers if there are any teething problems.

Our staff have been preparing materials and resources to support your child(ren)'s learning and it is really important that you encourage your child(ren) to follow the timetable of learning given to them and to access the resources shared. Please continue to communicate with your class teacher through Class Dojo. We are making arrangements to update the current physical home learning packs and will communicate with you about these over the next few days.

We recognise that some of you may have an issue with technology – we will endeavour to support you with this. Please contact your class teacher or the school's office, in the first instance, if you do not have a device to access the online learning.

As mentioned previously, we need to provide on-site learning for children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils. This provision will be at Lockleaze Road and we will communicate arrangements for this separately.

Those entitled to means-tested free school meals will receive supermarket vouchers. If you are using the critical worker/vulnerable provision in school then please provide a packed lunch. These vouchers are provided by the school rather than directly from the government so they will be valued at £2.40 per day/£12 per week. We are hoping to distribute these tomorrow and the first voucher will be for £19.20 to cover the period Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. A separate email will be sent tomorrow with the full details.

Whilst the school is closed to most pupils, our duty and responsibility to safeguard our pupils remains. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please call: [0117 903 0302](tel:01179030302)  
If you have any concerns during this time or would like to speak to a member of the Leadership Team, please email: [filtonleadership@filtonavenue.com](mailto:filtonleadership@filtonavenue.com) or call [0117 903 0302](tel:01179030302)  
Please note that the office at Orchard Campus will not be open during this period – please direct all communication to Lockleaze Road.

Many thanks once again for your continued support during this challenging time; it's hugely appreciated by us all.

Yours sincerely,  
The Leadership Team