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Dear Parents/Carers

Pupils returning to school January 2021 – All Years

On Wednesday 30th December, the Government announced that some schools in some Tier 4 areas would not be fully reopening on 4th January 2021. Schools in Hillingdon fall into this category. Thank you to all parents who have responded positively on Class Dojo to the holding message I placed there yesterday. It is a challenging time for all of us, and the staff and I are working as hard as we can to put things in place with the latest guidance.

With this in mind, I have decided to make Monday 4th January a training day for staff and therefore school will be closed to **all children** on this day. This is so that we can plan and prepare effectively for the proposed 2 week period of partial closure, and so that we can contact parents of vulnerable children and those who are critical workers.

Although we cannot say with certainty that this partial closure will only be for 2 weeks, it is important to stress that this is not an extension to the school holidays, but will be for all children to engage in either face to face or off-site learning every day. All staff will therefore be working hard on Monday to come up with the best way to deliver the curriculum to all pupils.

The Government has clarified that the attendance expectations are as follows for this period of partial closure:

- **Children of critical workers:** Where a critical worker parent or carer notifies a school that their child requires full-time on-site provision, the school should make this available.
- **Vulnerable children:** Vulnerable children are expected to attend full-time on-site provision where it is appropriate for them to do so. This should remain a priority for primary educational providers and local authorities.

If you are a critical worker and therefore require full-time on-site provision, please email absence@standrewsuxbridge.org.uk before 11am on Monday 4th January to notify us that you require the place for your child/ren. Please see this link for further details of what is considered a critical worker, and be aware that we may request evidence to support your request <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

All children who are under the care and support of Social Services will be required to attend during this time.

On Monday 4th January we will be able to confirm the numbers expected to attend school from Tuesday 5th until the proposed ending of the partial closure. We will also be able to confirm arrangements for everyone such as school meal provision, uniform and PE kits, Breakfast and After School Clubs and any other considerations for the Spring Term.

There may be other issues and questions that will arise from parents about the organisation of the start of the Spring Term. I thank you again for your patience as we try to make plans, and for your support at this very challenging time. Further information will be sent out on Monday via our usual forms of communication.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Dallibar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs N Dallibar
Head Teacher