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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have seen this evening, the Prime Minister has announced that England will enter another full lockdown from tomorrow morning. This means that schools will close to all children apart from Key Worker and Vulnerable children with immediate effect. We apologise for the short notice of this closure but this was unfortunately outside of our control.

School will open tomorrow at 9am to allow staff time to get rooms ready for the key worker and vulnerable bubbles. If you are unsure as to whether you are a key worker against the DfE criteria please contact the school to discuss this further before attending school. We still need to operate in a Covid safe way and we need to ensure that we are able to offer places to those in most need such as health workers. Please note that if Key Worker numbers are more than can be accommodated we may need to operate a standby list.

Remote Learning

Your child will receive a remote learning package from their class teacher that should be at least 3 hours per day and matched to the curriculum that they would have been studying. If you find that there is not enough work please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. You can contact your child's teacher by ringing the academy office on 01842 753993 for Admirals Academy or 01842 762810 for Raleigh Academy.

The remote learning offer will consist of some pre-recorded or live teaching with follow-up work for your child to complete on their own. We would strongly encourage you to listen to your child read on a daily basis and to support with their learning as best you can. We will also provide support materials on the school website and through our usual communication channels. Further details on the remote learning offer will follow.

Free School Meals

Children that are entitled to a free school meal will receive a food hamper for this week. We fully expect the Edenred voucher system to restart shortly and would ask that if your child is eligible for a Free School Meal you ensure that we have an up-to-date email address for vouchers to be delivered to.

Please keep an eye out for further updates this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in these challenging times and look forward to welcoming you and your families back into school in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kouni

Executive Principal

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

Health and social care - doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare – childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers, specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach.

Key public services - those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government - this only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition; essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms-length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods - this includes those involved in food production, food processing, food distribution, food sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security - police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport and border - this includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services - staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure); the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage); information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response; key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services); postal services and delivery; payments providers; waste disposal sectors.