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Wednesday, 6 January 21

Dear Parents/Carers,

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Following the government's announcement on Monday evening, the country will now go into another national lockdown. Sadly, the school will remain closed to all pupils except critical worker and vulnerable children until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Online Learning

Online learning will start at 9am every morning and a daily timetable will be provided by each year group. Your child's teacher will be able to respond to questions and queries via Tapestry, Class Dojo and Teams between 9am and 3pm each day. Please don't worry if you have to send messages after this time due to your own work commitments, as your child's teacher will respond to you the following day.

Our teachers worked incredibly hard to get on-line learning up and running for a 9am start yesterday. I was delighted to hear that so many of your children were logged on and ready to learn and sent completed work by the end of the first day! A huge thank you to you all for supporting your children.

However, we all understand at Eastbury how challenging online learning is for you and your family, especially when you are trying to work and juggle the other demands placed on your time. Our teachers and support staff will do all that they can to support you. Please see the link below if your child is using Teams which we hope you will find useful.

A quick-start guide that enables your child to get going with Teams right away:  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/videoplayer/embed/RE4rrKE?pid=ocpVideo0-innerdiv-oneplayer&postJsllMsg=true&maskLevel=20&market=en-us>

### Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children

If your child is currently attending school the school gates open at 8:45 and learning starts at 9am. The school day ends at 3pm. It is very cold at the moment so it is important that you collect your child on time as they become cold and distressed when you are late.

Breakfast club can be booked via parent pay. Unfortunately we are unable to offer Eagles after school club due to the lack of requests. We will keep this under review.

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### **Supermarket Vouchers**

Due to the late notice given by the government, we are unable to provide food hampers for the next few weeks. However, the school will be contacting the parents of pupil premium children who are entitled to free school meals to check that we have the correct details. This will enable us to send you supermarket vouchers.

If you believe that you may be entitled to pupil premium funding, please use the link below to apply.

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/financial-support-for-pupils-and-students>

### **Government Laptops**

We have ordered a number of laptops from the government initiative and are currently following their advice to identify the families that need them most. We will be contacting these families in the next few days.

Happy New Year to you all. I am sure 2021 will see many positive changes in the months ahead and things will start to get better for us all.

With very best wishes to you and your family.

Mrs Shepherd  
Headteacher

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