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### **January (Term 3) Lockdown**

Dear Parents/Carers,

At 8.00pm last night, the Prime Minister announced another National Lockdown which includes closing schools to assist in the reduction of the spread and transmission of the Covid virus between households.

Many of you have already elected to keep your children at home as the Government has requested. Our school will remain open for pupils who have no possible alternative.

During Lockdown we will provide the same curriculum learning offer to the pupils working at home and in school.

Pupils entitled to Free School Meals will have vouchers provided and we will contact you as soon as this information is provided.

Pupils in school will not be in usual class groups and will not necessarily be taught by their usual teacher. Our staff will be providing remote learning support as well as some face to face teaching.

We will be contacting you over the next couple of days to ensure your child has access to appropriate technology for home learning and will provide this for you if required. Home learning is already available for immediate access on our school website under your child's class group, many of these learning activities do not require computer access.

If your child is attending school, I must remind you of the important safety measures in place. These are vital to keep staff and households protected from infection, especially members of our community who may be asymptomatic. Staff will be wearing visors and we are strongly encouraging pupils to wear face coverings. Staff and secondary phase pupils attending the school site will be asked to participate in the National School Testing Programme undertaking regular Lateral Flow Tests at our school asymptomatic Test Centre.

This is a challenging time for us all and the safety of everyone attending school is paramount. If any child displays behaviours that may place others at risk we will contact parents and carers to review the appropriateness of in school learning during Lockdown.

Our Westborough Satellite will integrate with our main site during Lockdown. May I remind Satellite parents that Bower Grove School closes to pupils at 1.10pm on a Friday.

I hope that this letter has explained our current situation. We will of course maintain our regular contact with you all and do all we can to keep our sense of school community over the next few weeks.

Please contact school staff with any concerns.

Thank you for your support and understanding,

Stay Safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. Salter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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