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Dear parents and carers,

It is again that we write to you with heavy hearts as we receive the news that we are once again to close schools to all but children of key workers and those who are vulnerable. This is not the start to the school year that any of us wished for.

We have discussed with the other island schools the need to hold a further day closure tomorrow in order to further adapt our plans. Please do not send your child to school tomorrow.

As a school, we have been preparing for a partial closure and we are ready to begin our remote learning. We are requesting that all children begin learning remotely tomorrow as requested by the government. Your login ins for accessing the necessary websites are being emailed to you this evening (hopefully some of you will have already received these). Please follow the guidelines that are attached to this email.

If you believe you are a key worker, can we ask that you please email the school office before 12pm tomorrow so that we can organise the necessary groupings and staffing to accommodate your child safely. Many of those who choose option A have already given us those details. Please could we ask you to email again to confirm that you still want a key worker place given the change of circumstances.

If your child is classified as vulnerable, then we will be contacting you tomorrow to let you know your child has a place in school.

For those children entitled to free school meals we will be looking initially to organise weekly food parcels. As we do not have supplies in school to cater for this, we will need to liaise with our catering company and suppliers in order to arrange this. Please bear with us whilst we work quickly to get these parcels out to you.

We understand that home learning for some during the initial lockdown was challenging. As working parents ourselves we know only too well the difficulties of juggling home learning with work responsibilities. Please do reach out to us if things are proving difficult. Whilst we won't be able to offer your child a place in school unless they fall in the two categories identified, we do have a staff in school who can offer ways to support you and your child.

We have tried to get a reminder of passwords out to everyone. It is possible that some have been missed. We are also expecting technical issues from some families as different types of devices try to log on to Google Classroom. If you are having difficulty accessing this, then please get in contact with your child's teacher via the new class email addresses or the school email. It might take a bit of time to get it working for everyone but we will keep going until we find a solution!

May we take this opportunity again for your ongoing care, consideration and support as we work through this pandemic.

At Mengham Junior School we strive to be successful learners, healthy and confident individuals, responsible members of our community



Please take care and we will see you as soon as we possibly can,

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