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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so sorry that the first communication to you all in 2021 is something that I know will cause many of you a great deal of stress due to the short notice. I am sure that you have all heard the Prime Ministers announcement tonight that we are now entering a National Lock Down and schools are to close with immediate effect for the foreseeable future and therefore I am truly sorry to inform you that XII Apostles along with all other schools in England will have to close to all pupils with the exception of vulnerable children and those of critical key workers.

XII Apostles will remain closed for **all** children until Thursday 7th January and will provide remote learning using the class do jos platform from Wednesday 6th January . From Thursday 7th January we will also provide school based learning for the children of critical key workers that are unable to arrange alternative child care. As you will appreciate we need to establish which children need a key worker place so we can plan staffing . We need to limit the number of children actually attending school to mitigate the risk and therefore priority will be given to households where both parents are key workers. **Can I please stress that this provision should only be used if it is absolutely essential.** Please refer to the DFE web site if you are unsure whether you or a member of your household is classified as a critical key worker.

Mrs O'Boyle will contact parents of children that have EHCPs and Mrs Nelson will contact all our vulnerable families to make arrangements.

If you require a key worker place please click on this link to complete the details of your occupation, child, year group and days required. If the demand for places is high you may need to provide evidence from your employer. So we can make plans, we ask that you complete this survey and return it by 9am Wednesday 6th January. Please be mindful that this is a request at this time and we can't guarantee a place. We will inform you later on this day if you have a place for your child.

<https://app.easyquest.com/q/Dr72A>

Provision will be made for children entitled to Free School Meals and arrangements will be made for a food box to be delivered weekly.

If your child requires a laptop to access remote learning please contact school



Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.

I know that this is an anxious and stressful time for everyone. If you have any concerns or questions, as always, please do get in touch. We are here to help wherever we can. We are in this together and are already a stronger community from going through these challenging times. Please remember there is light at the end of this dark tunnel.

Kind regards and as always thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Newton