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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Change to school opening**

I am writing to update you on the current situation at Our Lady of Lourdes, regarding children returning to school from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

As you are all aware, we have heating problems in school which means that all year groups, except for Reception class, had previously been informed that the start back to school would be delayed, pending further investigation by heating engineers on Monday.

However, in light of recent government discussions, announcements from various unions, a review of our current risk assessments and a review of staffing levels available to us from Tuesday next week, we have had to make the very difficult decision to move to remote learning from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January **for all children, including Reception children**. This means that school will be **closed to all children from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, except Reception children who fall into the category of vulnerable or key worker children**. This arrangement will be constantly reviewed but we expect it to be in place until 18<sup>th</sup> January. **Please note we will initially only have availability for key worker children from Reception Class from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** until we have heating within the other classrooms. Once this is resolved, we will be able to accommodate key worker and vulnerable children from Y1-Y6. We will update you as soon as possible when we know more about this issue and when it will be resolved.

If you feel that your child qualifies for a vulnerable or key worker place, please complete the survey that will be sent to you- please also note that we may need to limit key worker places to families with 2 parents who are keyworkers and single parent households first.

I appreciate how difficult it is for parents and families to receive this information at such short notice, and I would like to reassure you all that our greatest wish is to have all of our pupils back into school, safely, as soon as possible. In the meantime, please keep a close eye on the school website and on your child's class page on the home learning section. This is where all learning tasks and specific class information will be shared.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ashton

Headteacher

