



# The Consortium Trust

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## URGENT: Additional Covid-19 briefing

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know staff have been working hard to ensure that we are ready to receive children from tomorrow. With the announcement of the government to now 'close' schools - we have to tear up our plans and move to a blended education provision of online learning and physical childcare for vulnerable groups and key worker children. This will require a significant change and **I am therefore announcing that ALL Consortium Trust Schools and Nurseries are closed to ALL children tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January.** While we recall staff and ensure that we have a robust system in place that will be fit for purpose for the spring 1 term ending at the Feb half term.

I appreciate this will cause some short term issues for tomorrow for many families and I am sincerely sorry for that. With an additional staff preparation and planning day, we can be far more confident that the provision will meet the needs of our school communities for the next six weeks.

Parents will need to register for a Key Worker place at school (details will come from your setting tomorrow) and vulnerable families will be contacted directly and offered a place again during tomorrow.

830-330 physical provision will be operational Monday to Friday from Wednesday 6th January for those eligible children. We will also launch our new digital learning platform including 3 hours of digital live or recorded teaching from class teachers on Wednesday.

Staff are working now and all through tomorrow to ensure that we can offer you and your children the service that they deserve. Please be patient and do not flood the schools with emails and calls tomorrow. Trust staff will keep you advised in the normal ways of updates and actions.

Once again I am sorry for the disruption tomorrow, stay safe

Regards

Yours faithfully

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CEO & Principal