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National Lockdown – January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure that you will have seen the Prime Minister's announcement of the new National Lockdown, starting today. More information can be found [here](#).

In response to this, St James' will be moving to Remote Learning for the majority of our children. Along with this letter you will be receiving some information about our Remote Learning offer. It uses Google Classroom and most children should be familiar with it already as we have used it throughout the Autumn Term.

Our Remote Learning will be taking place every day and we expect to see all children involved. If you need any support at all with electronic devices, please contact us. We have a number of laptops and iPads that we will be able to loan to families who need them in order to take part in their Google Classroom every day. You can call the school office on 0161 224 6173 or email Mrs Yamawaki (y.yamawaki@st-james-rusholme.manchester.sch.uk) if you think this would help.

If you are classed as a Key Worker your child will still be able to attend St James'. Details of who qualifies as a Key Worker can be found [here](#). If you meet this definition and you would like your child to continue to attend St James' please let us know by completing this online form:

<https://forms.gle/JcUnTvyEDqLSTvWc6>

We will write to you to confirm that your child can continue to attend St. James'.

Please wait for this confirmation before you send your child back into school.

This most difficult of times continues to throw up challenges that will test us all. While there are lots of positives ahead of us as the news on vaccines continues to offer us all hope that does not make today any easier. We will be doing our best to stay in contact with all of you as often as possible. If you need anything at all, please get in touch with us. Our Pastoral team of Miss Westhead and Mrs Gore learned a huge amount during the first lockdown and are able to offer support in a great number of areas. If you are finding anything at all tough, please get in touch.

The response of all of our children, parents and staff to the first National Lockdown was inspiring and I feel that our Autumn Term was a huge success in so many ways. I have no doubt we will all find similar reserves of strength this time and I look forward to seeing you all back in school again when this is over, ready for our next chapter.

Take care,

Kind regards,
Mr Shortall
Headteacher