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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you and your family have enjoyed the holidays, despite the new restrictions.

The Government's announcement yesterday means that our school will **not** be reopening for most pupils next week. We hope to reopen on Monday 18th January 2021, but this will be reviewed by the Government nearer the time. We will be offering remote learning for the period of closure and will be in contact early next week with the details.

From next week, we will only be able to offer face-to-face education to vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers through our Community Classrooms. We will be in contact with parents of vulnerable pupils early next week. Parents who are critical workers and wish for their child to come into school should email info@arkbentworthprimary.org with a letter from both parent's employers confirming your roles. Please note, places in the Community Classroom can only be offered on a full-time basis, unless your child has a previously arranged reduced timetable.

We have a staff training planned for Monday 4th January 2021 and are now planning a second staff training day on Tuesday 5th January 2021. This is to ensure all school staff can be offered Coronavirus testing before we open the Community Classrooms and to make sure we have appropriate safety measures and plans in place. We hope to begin remote learning and open our Community Classrooms on **Wednesday 6th January 2020**.

I will be in touch with further details early next week. Wishing you the very best and every happiness for the New Year. Although 2021 is not starting in the way that we hoped, I know that as a community we will support each other and tackle this new setback.

With kindest regards

Karinne Faddy
Head of School