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Dear Families and Students

National Lockdown

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, I am writing to confirm that each Dixons primary will be open only for the children of critical workers, and also for other identified students whom we shall be contacting. These arrangements will continue at least until the end of our holiday in February. You can find a full list of critical workers on the .gov website, or [here](#) if you are viewing this letter online. If you have not already registered with us as a critical worker, please do so at <https://www.dixonsat.com/about/critical>.

All our other students will be provided with home learning. Learning is valuable in its own right and for students' development, not just as preparation for tests or marks. It is important for students' mental health to establish good learning habits and a regular routine during what would otherwise be a school day. Sustaining reading is particularly important. As before, we will be in regular contact with you during this period, and it is important that you share any well-being concerns with us if they arise.

No announcement has yet been made as to whether SATs will go ahead this year.

We shall continue to provide vouchers for children who are entitled to free school meals but who are not entitled to attend at this time.

This is all we know for now. We shall write to you again if national guidance changes, as it often does at the moment.

Mrs Greenwood will be in touch shortly with messages specific to DAA.

Yours sincerely



Sir Nick Weller
CEO