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Spring COVID Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you managed to have an enjoyable Christmas despite the restrictions in place.

The government announced on 30th of December, that some schools in tier 4 will have additional restrictions in place from 4th January 2021. This means that Derwentwater **will NOT open on Wednesday 6th January** to all children as planned.

Due to concerns about the new strain of Covid-19 and its rapid spread, Derwentwater Primary and all other Ealing primary schools will only open to **children of critical workers** and **vulnerable groups** on **Wednesday 6th January until 18th January**. We did not expect this announcement so are currently putting measures in place to support these restrictions.

This link explains the criteria for vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#vulnerable-children-and-young-people>

If you do not meet the criteria outlined above, then your child must remain at home until at least 18th January 2021 when the Government will review their plans. If you would like to request a place at school, due to being a critical worker or having a vulnerable child, then please email Parentcomms by 5pm on Monday 4th January so we can organise adequate staffing. Children at school will follow a similar timetable to those working at home.

For those children at home, Derwentwater will provide a remote-learning programme on Google Classroom. It is expected that all children will access remote learning so their education can continue. We will be registering the children each day and monitoring their access and work.

I would like to reassure you that school will respond as quickly as possible to the changing situation. Please continue to follow PHE advice: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>

I hope that you and your family remain safe and well and I wish you a healthy 2021.

Yours sincerely

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Our vision is to create a community of successful learners who feel confident, happy and safe and who show respect for themselves, each other and the environment.

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