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Dear Parents & Carers of our Year 5 classes,

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR 5 CLASSES

This information is being sent further to the whole school letter provided yesterday regarding the Government directive that all primary schools should return as planned on 4th January (unless they are located in an area identified by the government as being more at risk).

You will undoubtedly be aware there are several teaching unions currently urging the Government to reconsider this directive due to the lack of sight of the scientific advice the Government is drawing on in directing Primary Schools to open.

Some of these teaching Unions have been providing advice to their members on how to exercise their statutory rights under the health and safety legislation to refuse to attend their workplaces.

Due to this we have this afternoon received responses back from some staff members who have requested they move their teaching to our online learning methods rather than attend the school premises.

Because of this, and due to the fact we need to mitigate for the health and safety needs of your children alongside those of the rest of the school population, we are not now in a position to be adequately or appropriately staffed in our Year 5 classes and have taken the difficult decision that we will need to move to online learning for 5DG and 5CS for this coming week.

We can only apologise that this is such short notice, but due to the Union advice coming out to individual members so late, we have only just been informed of some staff's intentions not to attend the school setting tomorrow.

Your Year 5 child will need to access their learning as usual on TEAMS as they have done previously and anyone who we are aware of who had difficulties doing this last time will be provided with alternative access to their work.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teachers via the class email address or if you need any further assistance please contact the school office which will open again tomorrow morning.

We are deeply sorry for any inconvenience this causes and thank you for your ongoing understanding and support during these extremely challenging times.

Yours Sincerely,



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