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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government announcement this evening, I am writing to confirm that our school will be moving to remote learning from Wednesday 6th January. This means that the only children who will receive in-school provision will be the those deemed as vulnerable and the children of Critical Workers who have no other option for children.

In order to plan for this, we will be enforcing a 'critical closure' day tomorrow. As such, the **school will be closed to all pupils on Tuesday 5th January**, including critical worker families and vulnerable children.

Due to the late timing of this evening's announcement, staff will be working tomorrow as they continue to convert their in-school learning sequences to remote learning sequences. We will be using Google Classroom as our learning platform from Wednesday. More information about this will be shared with you tomorrow.

The link to the Critical Worker Questionnaire was sent out earlier today. The deadline for this is midday tomorrow and we will contact parents tomorrow to confirm if their child has a place from Wednesday. At this current time, we have been inundated with requests for critical worker provision and, as such, will need to prioritise those critical workers who are either single parents or where **BOTH** parents are critical workers.

As I have said in my previous letters, these are unprecedented times we are working in, but throughout the Covid-19 crisis, we have seen how the whole school community has pulled together to support each other and I am sure that this will continue as we start this new term. Staffing this provision is going to be a significant challenge and I must extend my thanks to the whole staff team for their customary Herculean efforts in ensuring that we are able to offer a quality provision to all children in such difficult circumstances. Thank you also to our parent body for your customary cooperation and encouraging messages of good will – these have been very much appreciated. I know that this is not an ideal situation, but we are all operating in a less-than-ideal situation. We will do all that we can to ensure that we remain in contact with everyone and provide what your children need whilst keeping everyone safe.

Please keep a close eye on your email, the school Twitter feed and the school website for continuing information as it arises. If you have any concerns or worries, please email admin@ourladys527.herts.sch.uk and we will do our best to help you.

I shall write again tomorrow with more information for you but, in the meantime, keep safe and take care of yourselves.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and prayers.

Kind regards,

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Kelly Donkor
Chair of Governors

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