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Evening Parents

School Closure

Thank you for your patience today. Like you, we have been waiting for this evening's communication from the government and listening to the different concerns amongst our school community.

And so, following the government's announcement this evening, I can confirm that Mayhill will be closed from today until February half term for all pupils except key workers and those of critical workers. We know this decision might be met positively by some, but I also know many of the children will be disappointed not to be seeing their friends after the holiday break. I'm also acutely aware that for some of our families, supporting your child's learning each day is really daunting. Do remember we're here to help, we're not going anywhere and are always available to speak to by phone to offer any support during this lockdown period.

With this in mind, on 31st December, the government widened the criteria as to who might meet the eligibility for being defined as a critical worker, so that it includes people whose work is helping the EU transition. A current list of the job roles that meet the criteria is available [here](#).

Tomorrow is our second INSET day and we will be in touch with more details and to ask whether your family meet the criteria as described above.

Please stay in touch, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Best wishes

T May
Headteacher

J Pritchard
Chair of Governors