



# The Winchcombe School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Good evening. Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement tonight, it is with real sadness and frustration that I inform you all that The Winchcombe School will be completely closed tomorrow. From Wednesday 6 January we will ONLY be open to those children of critical workers who have NO OTHER option for childcare or are part of the vulnerable groups.

More details of the criteria can be found here:

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

If you feel your child fits into one of these categories, then please contact me before 12pm on Tuesday 5 January at: [npilsworth@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:npilsworth@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk). Please note that this new strain of Covid-19 is up to 70% more transmissible than the original variant. Therefore, please only send your child/children in if absolutely necessary.

Online learning for everyone else will commence on Wednesday 6 January – following our remote learning policy we sent out a few days ago. We will be constantly reviewing this policy and make changes where necessary to ensure that it is helping all children to get better. We will be closely monitoring the children's use of DB Primary and be phoning up anyone not using it to work out why and give any support we can to help everyone use it successfully.

Thank you all so much for your understanding again – it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Neil Pilsworth

