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Important School Closure Update

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware our school is in a COVID 19 Tier 4 area and the new strain has significantly increased the number of people who are being infected. The safety of our children and staff remains our prime concern. As a result, on the advice of the Kemnal Academies Trust, we have taken the difficult decision, at short notice, to delay the opening of our school. This is to enable us to review our risk assessments and put in place any further safety measures that may be needed.

As you know, tomorrow, Monday 4th January is an INSET day and our school will be closed to all children as already arranged. On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th January school will now be open to **vulnerable children and children from keyworker families only**. If your child accessed these places from March to July last year, we have your details and your child already has a place if required and is on a key worker register. If you are a new parent to the school and are a key worker and wish your child to attend school on Tuesday and Wednesday, please email Miss Plant deputy@themill-tkat.org with your name, your child's full name, their class **and** your job role. Please title your email 'keyworker place'. If you have any queries, you can phone the school office which will be manned from tomorrow and we will be able to help.

All other children will be taught via remote learning. We will share details of how this will work on Monday 4th, but it will work the same way as March to July, however, as some of you are Reception parents or new families to our school, we will support you so that you can access learning from home. We intend to open our school to all children from Thursday 7th January, but this is subject to any changes to national guidance. We will of course let you know of any changes as soon as we know.

This decision has not been taken lightly and we fully appreciate the inconvenience this will cause, but the safety of the children and staff comes first. We are grateful for your understanding and continued support during this most difficult of times. We share your ambition and hope for school to be safely open for all children as soon as we possibly can and return to normal education and school life.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sophie Gosden'.

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