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**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear parents/ carers

Following this evening's announcement from the prime minister, we will be moving to remote learning for almost all children with immediate effect. Today I sent out a survey for parents to complete to allow us to plan for vulnerable children and children of critical workers to be in school. As explained in this survey, children will not be in their usual class.

If you have not completed this survey, please do not turn up at school with your child tomorrow as we have staffed the building based upon the responses provided before 8pm this evening. If you are a critical worker, please telephone the school office tomorrow and we will let you know if we have space for your child.

### **Vulnerable children and children of critical workers**

Children are required to wear their uniform and must have their PE kit in school. The school kitchen will be open as normal. We will provide meals for children entitled to free school meals, parents may also continue to pay for meals via ParentPay.

There will be three bubbles in school:

- EYFS and Year 1 (in the reception classroom) Start time 8:30, finish time 2:55
- Years 2 & 3 (in the year 3 classroom) Start time 8:40, finish time 3:05
- Year 4, 5 & 6 (in the year 5 classroom) Start time 8:50, finish time 3:15

Entry to school will be via the classroom external doors as normal. If you have children in different bubbles, please bring them at the latest start time and collect at the earliest pick up time. We have kept the above timings as this is what parents are used to.

Breakfast club will continue to run so that we can continue to support working parents. This will commence at 8:00 and children attending breakfast club should enter via the main entrance.

### **Children learning at home**

Please ensure that your children are logging in daily to their learning platform (Class Dojo for Reception and Year 1, Google Classroom for years 2-6). Teachers will be working full time setting learning and providing feedback on work completed.

Home learning is not optional and MUST be completed. It is likely that these measures will last for some time and we cannot allow children's learning to stop because of this pandemic. It is also important that children keep up with their peers for when we do return to school, as the curriculum for each year group will continue to be delivered throughout the lockdown.

We ask that you respect teacher working hours and only contact them within school hours.

We require all pupils where possible to complete their learning electronically to allow teachers to see the work and give feedback. Paper based learning will be provided in exceptional circumstances, but the completed work must be returned before the next work pack is given. Please speak to your class teacher about this.

### **Children entitled to free school meals (FSM)**

If your child is entitled to free school meals (because you are in receipt of qualifying benefits), you may collect a take away lunch daily, for the remainder of this week. Please call the school office by 9:30 am tomorrow to organise this. At the same time, you will also be asked if you would then like to collect a food parcel on a Monday. Food parcels will cover the 5 days of the week that they are collected.

### **Wellbeing phone calls**

We will be telephoning all families on a weekly basis as a minimum to check that you are all well, that home learning is being accessed and completed and to see if there is anything else you require support with. Please be advised that calls will either come from the main school number or a withheld number.

### **Keeping everyone in contact with each other**

There will be two assemblies each week on zoom. The link for these assemblies will be forwarded on a Monday and Friday morning via text message.

- Monday 9:00-9:30 will have different stories and themes to energise the children for the week
- Friday 9:00-9:30 will be our usual celebration assembly attended by children in school and at home plus all staff

These are exceptional times and I know that we have already sacrificed so much since last March to try and get this virus under control. There is more to do before we can return to normal and school will now continue with remote learning until at least February half term. In the meantime we can keep our children's learning moving. Please ensure that your child is reading daily as this is the one single thing that will have the most impact on children's future achievement.

Yours faithfully

Louise Roberts

Headteacher