

Monday, 4th January 2021

Dear Parent,

Despite the best efforts and intentions of the school staff to welcome children back to the classrooms this term, it has tonight been announced by the Prime Minister that, as of tomorrow, all primary schools across the country can be open to just the children from key-worker families and those with vulnerabilities (i.e they have an Education Health Care Plan, a social worker or other vulnerability known to the school).

To see whether you qualify, please view the government's list:

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings](#)

If you deem that your child satisfies these criteria, then they may attend school tomorrow morning as usual for the normal school hours (including any wraparound care provision if this has been booked in advance).

They will be taught at school by our teaching staff and supported by our Teaching Assistants (*other than those who are deemed to be **Extremely Clinically Vulnerable** and who will be receiving a notification from the NHS that they must once more self-isolate to remain safe and well*).

The children should continue to follow the present agreed pupil protocols and present as usual ready for their school day. *Should you not wish your child to attend, please contact the school by phone, email or Class Dojo so that staff who might otherwise be expecting them can be assured that they are safe and well at home.*

Children who are extremely clinically vulnerable should not attend school during this national lockdown period.

As before, any child displaying any of the **symptoms of coronavirus** or who is unwell must not attend school. Those who have been in contact with others who have tested positive for coronavirus must also remain at home - *see NHS guidance.*

Depending upon the numbers attending the school, there may be a future move to a staff rota system or reversion to a hub-model as before in the Spring Term.

For those children who do not meet the above criteria, the government has determined that they must remain at home and access remote learning from their school setting.

The content of this learning will resemble much of that which is being delivered to the children at the school and will be delivered through the **Google Classroom** platform.

Staff will be able to provide limited face-to-face time during the course of each day.

Our expectation is that all children will abide by the Google protocols and engage with the learning from home each day. Questions and concerns can be sent to your child's class-teacher using Class Dojo during the agreed hours.

If you are unable to access the remote learning for any reason please let the school know as soon as possible.

School meals will be available as before for those attending school but there may be changes to the published menu. The Trust will resume provision for those entitled to **Free School Meals** as during previous school-closure periods. *Please contact the school secretary with any queries.*

Please keep checking the school website for updated information.

Any **safeguarding concerns** should be shared with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy DSL as soon as possible.

Please be assured that we will try our best to respond to your queries and concerns as quickly as possible but your continued patience and consideration would be much appreciated!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hunkin

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