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Dear parent/carer,

As you are aware, at 8pm this evening, we have been informed that all primary schools in England must implement their remote learning plan for all children with the exception of critical workers, vulnerable children and children with Educational Health Care Plans.

Today, I shared a letter which explained who was considered a critical worker and the criteria for vulnerable children (as per the government guidance) – all of which would be able to continue to come to school during the lockdown. Within the letter, there was a link to a google form which we asked any critical workers to complete to enable us to update our database. We have now completed the data base and you will be informed via text no later than 10pm if your child has been allocated a place. Please be assured that we have followed government guidance and ask that you respect that. This is not an easy task to carry out.

All children coming into school can continue to be dropped off and collected at the same time as usual, and at the same location. They will spend the day in their own classrooms with their teacher and teaching assistant – remaining as a ‘nest’ just like before. All procedures linked to our risk assessment will remain with the exception that children will have their lunch in the classroom rather than the school hall.

Will my child have the resources they need to work remotely?

We have put together resource packs in the event that classes need to isolate following a positive case of COVID-19 being identified. These include whiteboards, pencils, rubbers, exercise books etc. Following the parental survey, there were also some children who were eligible to loan a device to enable them to access the remote learning should the need arise. These names have been kept on a data base and therefore devices will be allocated to these children on a temporary basis during this time. For those children working remotely, delivery of the resource packs will take place during the morning by a member of staff as you are not able to leave the house.

Within the pack will also be Day One resources which are printed for the children to work on for the remainder of the day and also the guided reading for the remainder of the half term. There is no expectation for the children to go online or submit work for this first day.



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Tomorrow, we will send further details of the provision for learning remotely for the duration of the lockdown but if you would like to take a look at our contingency plan which was shared at the start of the year, please see the school website under the tab 'Remote Learning'.

We would like to take the time to express our gratitude to the Year One and Year Two team and also the parents who gave feedback following working remotely as this has helped shape our provision for remote learning.

School Meals

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, the school kitchen will provide you with a food parcel for the duration of the school closure. Our experience is that this takes a couple of days so please bear with us – it is organised by the Local Authority, not the school. We have already sent the list to the kitchen and our cook has been notified. Key worker children who are eligible for Free School Meals and children in KS1 will receive a school meal as usual - all other keyworker children will need to have their lunch paid for in the usual way via ParentPay.

Newchurch Robins

Children who are attending school as part of the Newchurch Robin wrap around care can continue to send their children as normal. We are fully operational.

Finally, I am sure that you feel a surge of feelings regarding the closure of the school yet again. However, we have done it once and we will do it again because we are Newchurch!

With kindest regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher

Mrs Rachel Burns

Chair of Governors



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