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Dear Parents/Carers

Critical Child Care

Thank you for completing the survey sent out today. We can confirm we have allocated your child a place this week. Please ensure you have emailed us your proof of Critical Worker Status by Friday, 8th January.

It is important to remember that this is Critical Child Care and if you have any family member or support bubble member who is able to look after your child the safest place for them is to be at home.

If you wish to take up your place of full time attendance for your child we look forward to seeing them.

There will be staff available to greet your child in the morning. Timings for drop off and pick up will work in exactly the same way as the Autumn Term.

If you no longer wish to take up this place, please email the school office on orchardvale@ventrus.org.uk and we will adjust our register accordingly.

If your child will not be attending on any given day, is ill or shows COVID symptoms please report this to the office in the normal way. If your child does not attend school and we have not had prior notice of why, we will be contacting you in the morning to check on the welfare of your child following our usual safeguarding procedures.

We are adhering to our COVID risk assessments and the same level of cleanliness and hygiene will be maintained and children will work in their class bubbles to reduce the risk of transmission.

Breakfast Club

If you have registered and booked your child into Breakfast Club this week this provision will continue but will be reviewed.

Uniform/PE

Please could children wear their full school uniform, bring a coat and wear sensible shoes.

PE kit – children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on their normal PE days as before.

Lunches

If your child would like a school dinner, the new Spring menu is on the website and one is attached. Children can bring in their own packed lunches or order a school dinner (vegetarian, jacket potato or school packed lunch) during class registration. The menu may change due to stock levels and we will try and inform you in advance if this is the case.

All meals must be paid for using Parentpay unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals.

We will be contacting parents with more information about remote learning and how it is expected that the day will work for both children in school and at home. We hope to send this out to you as soon as possible.

As before things are changing continually so please bear with us during this period of adjustment.

Kind regards.

Fiona Pearce
Headteacher

