



Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure - National Lockdown

Thank you for understanding at this difficult time, after a late announcement from the Government last night we have been working today to organise plans for the rest of this half term.

Key-worker/Vulnerable Learners

We have used the current guidance to identify who falls into the category of a 'Key-worker family' and 'Vulnerable Learners' and you will receive a text message today confirming if your child has a place. If this is the case, school will reopen for this group of children tomorrow Wednesday 6th January.

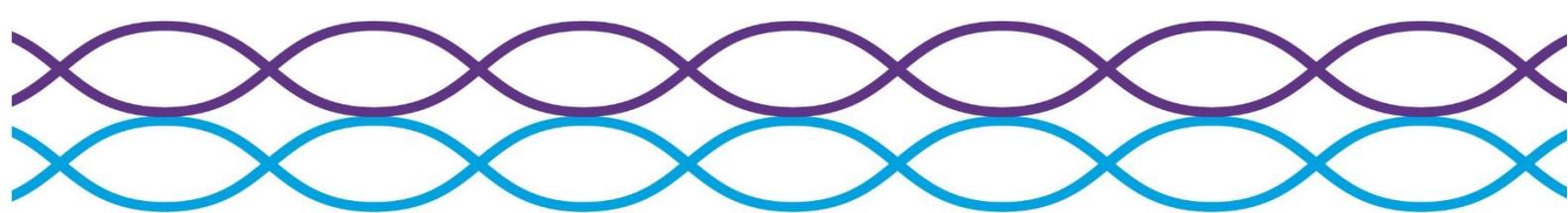
We are planning to keep children in their class bubbles and timings of the school day will run as indicated in the letter that went out yesterday. Children will need to come to school in uniform, with water bottles and iPads. On PE days, PE kit can be worn for the day.

Again we ask that you ensure that you are punctual, for drop offs and pick-ups, only 1 adult on the yard per family, masks to be worn and social distancing to be maintained at all times. Please ensure that your child does not run around the playground, but stands with you until the teacher collects them - thank you.

I must also reiterate that if we are made aware of any families breaking national lockdown rules, therefore putting other families and my staff at risk, your child will lose their place in school. I am sure you will agree with me, that this is vitally important.

If your child is poorly, please keep them at home, remember if you need to book a test then the whole house must isolate. Please let the school know if this is the case.

Breakfast club will run as an emergency response provision only. This means that children who have both parent/carers needing to go out to work and cannot drop off at the normal school times, can use this service. It will run from 8am. Please do not send your child to breakfast club if alternative arrangements can be made. Again we are trying to reduce the amount of contact as much as possible.



Remote Learning - children staying at home

As in other lockdowns, if your child is staying at home, then remote learning must take place. This will be using our usual system of SeeSaw. A home learning grid will be uploaded weekly. We ask that every day your child completes the work set and posts back onto seesaw so that staff can give feedback. This is really important that we see evidence of work being completed at home. This will be monitored on a daily basis and if we see that no work is being posted then phone calls home will be made.

I understand the importance of keeping children safe, and this has to be our top priority, but the educational rights of children also need to be considered to ensure that gaps in learning do not appear.

As ever, we are here to help and support in any way possible, please don't hesitate to call. We will be in touch with additional information when we have it, for example free school meal provision etc.

Please stay safe, look after each other and we look forward to having our family back together as soon as possible.

Kerry Lilico
Headteacher

