



5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are now all aware of the government's decision to close schools to all children who do not fall within the government's guidance of being either vulnerable in some way, or the children of a key worker.

I would like to explain that this lockdown is quite different to the one in March last year where the emphasis was very much on schools providing child care to enable key workers to continue in employment to support the country as it battled the pandemic. At this time, a huge number of children were unable to attend school and this has been proven to have had a huge impact on their education and importantly on their mental health and well being.

This time, it is very clear that children **must** continue to learn, either from home engaging every day with the lessons their teachers have planned and the sessions they are streaming live, or from school. School will be checking attendance registers everyday and making sure that all children who are not in school are online, taking part in their lessons.

Important Information:

1. Opening and Closing Times.

The start and end times for your children's year group will remain the same as it was. We ask that **only one adult** bring children to school and collect them. Siblings at secondary schools will not be permitted on site and parents are strongly urged to **wear face coverings** to protect themselves and others. **Social distancing on site MUST be adhered to** and parents who persistently choose not to do this could be refused entry onto school grounds in the future.

2. Lessons Online

Teachers will be in touch via Class Dojo to let you know how to access their year groups online learning. Every child will be invited to an online morning meeting each day at 9am where teachers can explain the lessons planned for the day ahead and review the previous days work. A weekly timetable of learning will be available. Children will have morning lessons in Reading, Writing and Maths and a further lesson in the afternoon from the wider curriculum. Please ensure that your child is ready to start learning at this time. If your child does not have access to their own computer or Ipad, please notify school so that one can be provided for them. Mobile phones will not be sufficient to provide high quality lessons.

3. Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club and After School Club will be available to key worker children. Breakfast club will be available from 8.15am and After School Club will run until 5pm for those who have a prior agreement with school.

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4. Uniform

Children are expected to attend school wearing their full school uniform.

5. School Meal Vouchers

Children learning from home who are entitled to free school meals will be contacted towards the end of the week with details of the arrangements we have put in place.

6. Places in School

Children who have been offered and who have accepted places will be expected to attend every day. If you feel you are entitled to a place or need one which hasn't been offered to you, please contact school and we will do our best to help you.

7. Risk Assessment

The safety of your children is our number one priority. We have reviewed our risk assessment in light of yesterday's announcement and are confident that we have taken every measure we are able to keep everyone safe. Children returning to school tomorrow will be taught by their class teacher and teaching assistant, in their own classroom in small groups of 15 or less. This will enable them to maintain social distancing at all times. They will play outside with only the children in their class bubble. Handwashing and hygiene will continue to be a priority as will the regular cleaning of classrooms throughout the school day, staff will ensure that this is strictly followed throughout the day.

Please telephone school or contact you child's class teacher via Dojo with any questions you may have and we will be happy to help you.

I hope yourselves and your families stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you back to school once the restrictions have been lifted by the government.

With my very best wishes,

Mr Paul Graham
Head Teacher