



Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following the Government announcement that schools will close to most children, I am writing with some further information regarding the coming weeks.

School is open for the following children:

- Pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCPs).
- Children who are classed as vulnerable. If your child is identified as vulnerable by school, in line with the government guidance, school will contact you to offer you a place.
- Children whose parents work is critical to the coronavirus and EU transition response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors that have been outlined. Please refer to the Government guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

You will be receiving a survey via text which you will need to complete so that we have accurate information about whether your child will be expected in school. If you have any problems completing the survey, please telephone school so that we can assist you. It is important that everybody completes this survey regardless of whether you require a place in school at this time.

Remote learning

All children will be provided with learning to complete on a daily basis. The Government expectation is that Primary School children will complete at least three hours of learning per day. For more information on our remote learning policy, please see the school website.

All remote learning will be uploaded to classdojo. If you are struggling to access any aspect of dojo, please contact your child's class teacher who will be able to assist you. There will be someone in school during normal school hours, who can answer your calls if you are struggling to communicate via dojo.

Work will be presented in a variety of ways with links to high quality resources, teacher videos and practical activities. It is important that you ensure your child engages with learning as we know that this lockdown is anticipated to last until at least February half term. We will be closely monitoring your child's engagement and we are here to support you in any way we can.

School Meals

For children who are in school, school meals will still be available in the usual way or children can bring a packed lunch if this is their preference.

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School will continue to provide for all children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals. If your child is not in school, you will be invited to collect a weekly food parcel. The guidance states that 'during the national lockdown, families can continue collecting parcels where appropriate social distancing measures are in place.' Please await further information regarding a time and place for collection of food parcels.

Childcare

Wraparound childcare and out-of-school settings may continue to operate as normal and children may be dropped off and collected by adults from your childcare/support bubble.

We are still awaiting further, more detailed guidance and so some of the information I have given you may be subject to change.

I will keep you updated.

Kindest regards

Andrea Grist
Headteacher