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RE: Arrangements for school opening to Key worker and Vulnerable children

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, the school will only be open to children of key workers and vulnerable children from 5th January until 18th January 2021. All other children will be provided with home learning which will reflect the same units of work and tasks covered in school.

The safety of our entire school community is a priority and therefore, it is extremely important that parents help us keep pupil numbers as low as possible. ***If you are a keyworker and you have days where you may not be working OR another parent within the same household is at home, could we please request that you only send your child into school if it is absolutely necessary.***

Arrangements for the school day

- we will have 3 year group bubbles supported by teachers and learning support assistants
- when dropping off or collecting your child/ren may we kindly ask that you are punctual and that only ONE parent or carer accompanies a child
- please ensure that you maintain the 2 metre social distancing whilst waiting to drop off or collect your child and that you do not congregate with other parents
- a member of staff designated to your child's bubble group will meet you at the gate to greet your child

Start Time	Collection Time	Entrance	Year Group
8.40–8.45am	3.05-3.10pm	Side gate adjacent to staff car park	Reception
8.40-8.45am	3.05-3.10pm	Front gate adjacent to Nursery	Year 1
8.45-8.50am	3.10-3.15pm	Front gate adjacent to Nursery	Year 2

Children will be required to bring a named water bottle, their book bag and PE Kit. A school dinner will be provided for children in line with our usual menu.

Extended Schools

Extended Schools will be available to only the keyworker and vulnerable children over the next 2 weeks. If your child usually attends extended schools and is coming in to school their place has been reserved for them.

Children attending breakfast and after school club need to be dropped off and collected from the main school foyer in the usual way. ***Breakfast club commences at 7.30am and after school club concludes at 6pm.***

Home Learning

Remote learning is a journey for us all. Our teaching staff have not as yet had to provide the level of remote learning expected at this point but they have had the necessary training using both TAPESTRY (Reception) and TEAMS (Year 1 and Year 2) as a means of sharing their teaching and providing the necessary learning resources for the vast majority of children who will not be able to come in to school at this time. As we move through the next two weeks we hope to explore different ways to further enhance our remote learning provision via these two mediums.

- Logins for TEAMS will be sent out by your child's teacher – Reception parents should already have Tapestry access
- All teaching material and learning resources i.e. Powerpoints and video clips will be made available via TEAMS and TAPESTRY
- Work will be sent out for week with an overview (timetable) indicating when units will/should be covered
- Periodic welfare and wellbeing phone calls will be made by class teachers to offer advice and support – please be aware that teachers will be using a private/withheld number

Maintaining safe practise

We will continue to update our Risk Management document in order to maintain as safe a working and learning environment for staff and pupils as possible.

In line with the current NHS and government advice, you should keep your child at home if they are unwell or develop coronavirus symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, or if your child receives a positive test result for coronavirus, please contact the school on 01279 215480 at the earliest opportunity.

Safeguarding and wellbeing support for pupils and families

We do not underestimate how difficult the recent weeks have been for us all and we all will have been touched in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. We recognise the need to focus on pupils' emotional wellbeing as well as their return to learning. The following support is in place for pupils once they return to school.

Children who are in school will be supported by the staff member in their bubble group and as necessary by the SENCO and welfare support within the school office.

Parents may wish to seek support for themselves from the following support agencies:

- NHS and NSPCC websites
- Samaritans – call free 24 hours a day on 116 123
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline – call for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247
- Shelter provide free confidential information, support and legal advice on all housing and homelessness issues if you call 0330 0536 083 (please note, this is not a free phone number and your call will be charged). A free webchat is available at https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help/webchat

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents to continue to be vigilant in terms of children's safe use of the internet. For any advice or help regarding setting parental controls please access: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

I hope that the arrangements outlined in this letter will provide you with the information you need to support your child's wellbeing and learning at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ward

Mrs Charmaine Ward
Headteacher

