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Dear Parent/Carer 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

# **Re: School Partial Closure Arrangements**

Following the announcement at 8pm last night, our school is closed to all children except those of 'critical key workers'.

# **Critical Key Workers:**

There is a published list of occupations which qualify as 'Critical Key Workers' and we have contacted all families this morning who we think qualify. If you have not been contacted and think your child may be entitled to a place please ring the school office to check your eligibility. Only one parent needs to be in a key worker category for your child to qualify for a place.

We are keeping all 6 bubbles open (one for each class) and this will allow us to take more children than we did during the initial lockdown. Within each bubble we must ensure there is sufficient room for children and adults to socially distance and therefore each bubble or class is limited to 9 children. At the current time there is still space in each of our bubbles so you think your child does qualify for a place please contact us as soon as possible.

### **Drop off and collection times:**

For those children of 'Critical Key Workers' attending school there is one significant change. Can ALL key worker children attend school between 8.45am and 9am with effect from tomorrow (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021) unless they are attending Breakfast Club.

We will continue to provide Breakfast Club from 8am – 9am each morning at a cost of £3 per child per session.

We will also continue to provide After School Clubs from 3pm until 4.30pm at a cost of £3 per child per session. Please ensure the school office is aware and you have booked your child a place in each After School Club.

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If your child is not attending After School Club, you should collect them from the yard between 3pm – 3.15pm.

If your child is in Nursery and you are a critical key worker, they can attend school on their allocated days.

#### **Risk Assessment:**

Our updated Risk Assessment will be available on the school website in the next day or so.

Please continue to follow our one-way system, wear a face covering and observe social distancing requirements.

# **Remote Learning Plan:**

Tomorrow there will be a Remote Learning Policy on the school website which will inform parents of exactly how we will deliver remote learning. Obviously, I heard the news at the same time as you did so our teaching team are using today and tomorrow to get everything set up.

Remote learning plans will be in place on Thursday. We will provide our usual Jigsaws to give you an overview. These will then be supported by weekly Remote Learning plans which teachers will update every week.

We will then be using an online app called See Saw and all work and resources will be accessible via this app. Work can be completed using any device which will connect to the internet. Work can then be sent back to teachers who will mark and comment on all tasks.

A separate letter and instructions on how to use See Saw and our Remote Learning plans will be issued tomorrow.

If your child is attending school, they will be completing the same lessons and tasks as those using the Remote Learning plans but will be doing so in school.

### **Free School Meal Entitlement:**

We will be providing a weekly food hamper (one per child) to any family who is entitled to free school meals. This does not include those children in receipt of Universal Free School Meals in Reception and Key Stage One. These hampers can be collected from school each Monday and will contain sufficient food to feed one child for the week for lunches.

We are currently contacting each family registered for free school meals to ask you to confirm if you would like us to order you a weekly hamper. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals and you have not been contacted, please ring the school office to place your order.

Over the next two days there will be numerous letters put on our website covering a range of different issues such as our Remote Learning plan; our plans to deliver collective worship and of course the ever-popular Head Teacher Challenge.

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I do appreciate how devastating this national lockdown is for everyone but we are still here for you all. Through our Remote Learning plan your child will be able to keep in constant contact with their teacher and we will also be setting up emotional well-being support too.

Please stay safe and try to stay positive – if there is absolutely anything we can do to support or help we will happily do it: just let us know.

Yours sincerely

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