



Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you received my late email safely last night following the government's late announcement!

We have been working very hard behind the scenes at school today ~ reading through and making sense of all of the updated government guidance, as well as organising staffing & places for children of critical workers, vulnerable families and children with EHCPs.

We have now contacted everyone who has requested, and qualifies for, a place. Breakfast Club and Dragons' Den will run as normal for eligible children who have already booked a place.

The government have explained that schools are partially closed to reduce the number of contacts that all of us have with people in other households.

They resisted closing schools until now, but in the face of the rapidly rising numbers of COVID-19 cases across the country and intense pressure on the NHS, we now all need to use every strategy at our disposal to reduce all contacts outside households wherever possible.

Therefore, the least amount of children we have in school, the better it will be for the whole community. It is our collective responsibility to now work together to eradicate this virus. There is light at the end of the tunnel with the new vaccine, which is positive news for us all.

This particular lockdown, which we sincerely hope will be the last, is a little different for schools in terms of our focus. The first partial closure of schools was focused purely on looking after the children ~ allowing them some socially distanced opportunities to play and socialise with their friends. The emphasis was very much on well-being and childcare.

The focus this time is firmly and clearly on education.

Your child is very familiar with our Google Classroom platform as this is something we have worked very hard to ensure ~ knowing we could go into a lockdown at any time.

The link to Google Classroom is on the school website. Your child knows their log in details but these are also in the front of their home school planners. Our reception and nursery class will be using Tapestry as our remote learning platform.

Your child's class teacher will be emailing a suggested daily timetable to you tomorrow. Each day your child will have access to:

- RE
- Assembly and liturgy
- English
- Maths
- Arithmetic
- Phonics
- Topic
- Class story or bedtime story read by the class teacher

Each day there will be a video of your child's teacher teaching any new topics or concepts. ALL work will be looked at, and feedback will be given on a daily basis.

All children are expected to complete the work set.

Please do leave comments and feedback for the teachers and let us know how your child is getting on. The remote learning will be exactly the same as the work at school for the critical workers' children. There will be no difference in our offer for all of our children.

Please note the school gates will now be open from 8:50-9:00 and 3:00-3:10 to cater for our reduced numbers.

Thank you as always for your support of school. We are all looking forward to the time we can all be together properly again.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Dee Statham

Headteacher