

Wednesday 06 January 2021

Dear parents and carers

Opening for critical worker and vulnerable children – Thursday 07 January

Following confirmation of your child's/children's place this morning, this letter includes some more detail about how school will operate until February half term.

Entry and exit points	This will remain the same as throughout autumn term. Year groups will enter/exit at the allocated times with entry on the front playground and exit via the rear drive.																											
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Wraparound care	There will be no Breakfast or After School club provision this half term but siblings can use the bubble club provision.																											
Teachers and teaching assistants	All staff will be in school. We will not be operating a staff rota. Your child will be taught by their year group teachers and teaching assistants that they know and are used to.																											
Groups of children/classes	<p>Children (and staff as far as possible) will remain in year group bubbles. This allows us to keep children & adults as safe as possible and limit children affected by any potential bubble closures.</p> <p>Your child will be taught in their year group. They will be taught as part of a smaller class. These "new" smaller classes will be a combination of eligible children from across the year group. Year groups will not be mixed.</p>																											
Play and dinner times	<p>We will spend as much time outdoors as possible as good ventilation is highly recommended. Uniform should be worn as usual. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, suitable footwear and a coat every day. Children will only eat and play with their year group bubble. Play equipment will be reduced to things that can be disinfected after use.</p> <p>School dinner can be ordered as usual but the menu may be subject to change.</p>																											

	We would prefer that no child wears jewellery at all but earrings must be removed/taped for PE/physical activities.
School environment, equipment and resources	Children will have their own place to sit and own set of resources. Children should not bring in equipment or toys from home, etc at all. Children should have their own named water bottle.
Child or adult with Covid symptoms	Any child or adult showing symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature and/or new cough) should not be in school. Anyone showing symptoms in school will be isolated in a well-ventilated room. They will be supported by one member of staff who will wear full protective clothing including gloves, apron, plastic visor and face mask. Deep cleaning will follow any suspected cases. If any member of our school community is confirmed as having Covid, we will inform you and close bubbles for any children/staff who may have had contact with the positive case. We liaise closely with Public Health on this.
Intimate care (e.g., nappy changing, first aid)	Any child requiring intimate care or some cases of first aid involving bodily fluids will be supported by an adult in full PPE as above. This is to protect everyone.
Curriculum/what will be teaching	Unlike the March lockdown which was focused on childcare, there is an emphasis on the continuation of good quality teaching and learning. Your child will be following their year group curriculum as planned. Any homework should be completed as requested by teachers.
Bad weather procedure	In the event of snow/ice we will follow our usual procedure including making a decision by 7.30am that morning and notifying all staff/families via emails/texts/local radio. Covid-19 procedures mean we will have to consider: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety on icy pavements outside school where families queue 2. Risk of staff and families getting to and from school 3. Clearing, gritting and maintaining all entry and exit points to ensure no bubbles are mixing 4. Higher than usual usage of pathways to allow movement between areas of school, playgrounds, etc 5. Increased use of outdoor space/reduction in recreational space – can we make/keep this space safe? 6. Ventilation needs to be maintained – indoor temperatures, keeping children/staff warm & dry 7. Reduced ability to follow government guidance on safety, including outdoor time 8. If weather forecast suggests heavy snow/ice, we may have to close school because of increased safety risks of evacuating during the school day.

Whilst none of us wanted to be in this position again, we feel positive that your children will benefit from being in school both academically and in terms of their wellbeing, and know you will work with us to make the best of this difficult situation.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me via phone or email if you have any concerns or questions.

With thanks for your ongoing support.



Claire Bennett
Headteacher