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School Closure: Update 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this communication finds you well and you have been able to settle into yet another version of a “new normal”. Thank you for the engagement we have seen so far and for your messages of support

Numbers of pupils attending school either because they are deemed vulnerable or their parents are working as Critical Workers has settled but remains at a challenging level in terms of both providing the required level of remote learning for those at home and appropriate supervision and support for those in school. For those of you using this facility in school, thank you for booking responsibly and only where you have NO other option. **The message is clear: IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME, YOU SHOULD.**

In School

The in-school staff rota is organised as below, but is subject to change due to any illness or isolation we may experience. Please be aware your class teacher will not be as easily available to you when they are teaching a group of children in school. They will let you know via Google Classroom the days they are in school. However, we have contingencies in place to ensure a member of staff will get back to you to support the learning that day.

Bubble 1	Bubble 2	Bubble 3	Bubble 4
Reception	Year 1	Year 2/3	Year 4/5/6
Mrs Youell Ms Dervishi Mrs Williams Mr Slade	Mrs Lihka-Stevenson Miss Olive Miss Sword	Mrs Rogers Mrs Winter Mrs Davidson Mrs Edwards Mrs Hinchey Mrs Poulter	Mrs Baines Mr Herrick Mrs Barton Mrs Wybrow Mrs Clements



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As you can see a large number of staff are needed in school for us to operate (obviously not all on the same day!)

At home

I am a viewer of each Google Classroom so am able to see all that happens in each room. I also get all the alerts of all the work that is submitted. The record number of alerts on one day I have received so far is 247...that equates to a lot of work being submitted. Thank you and well done. I will be making a few special mentions each week.

Zoom Lessons/Meetings

Most classes have established a routine of live/recorded lessons and we are just adjusting timetables to ensure there are as few clashes as possible between classes and siblings.

Contact from School

Class teachers plan to speak to you on the phone in person a minimum of once a fortnight. They will of course be in touch via the learning platforms daily anyway.

Informing us if you are unwell

If a member of your household tests positive for Covid, please, if at all possible let us know. The local authority has asked us to report this information. It will also help us to be able to direct any help or support you might need. It also means that the teachers will know not to expect work to be submitted until you are better.

Home Schooling

Please remember that home schooling is an active decision individual families make based on their ideologies about education and to suit their chosen lifestyles. This situation is not home schooling. It is an emergency situation caused by a global pandemic, out of our control. This is remote learning: education being provided the best way we can.

Remember:

- Please do not concern yourself with what others are doing.
- Please do not expend time and energy on things you cannot control.
- Please keep safe.
- Ask for help when you need it.

Devices

There has been much in the press about the hundreds of thousands of devices that schools are being sent and how much money is being spent to support remote learning. The reality is that our school has been allocated **NINE** in total. Clearly, not

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enough to meet need. We are compiling a list of families who might benefit should further or alternative schemes become available. If you have a device that might be re-purposed, we would be interested in hearing from you too.

Data Allowances

We do have plenty (at the moment) of unlocked 4G SIM cards containing 30G of data with a 90 day expiry. If one of these would support you, please get in touch. Some families, who do not have fixed broadband are making use of these.

Food parcels

We have a weekly delivery from FareShare, a charity who redistribute surplus food. If you, or someone you know, might like to be considered for a parcel, please let us know.

And finally...

The deadline for Parent Governor Elections is Thursday 21st January. (Yes, school improvement and development continues in the background!)



Best wishes to you all,

Mrs Sewell

Headteacher



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