

School Closure January 5<sup>th</sup> 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all I must say a huge thank you for your overwhelming support after last night's very late announcement which affected all of us. We have worked very hard to have systems in place for home learning and for the vulnerable and Key Worker children who are eligible for a school place.

Your child's individual teacher will be in contact via Dojo and Seesaw to tell you how you will be able to access learning at home. We will provide daily, curriculum-based activities that will include opportunities for a live discussion with your child's teacher who will demonstrate learning. Please look out for your teacher getting in contact at some point today. Teachers are currently ensuring each of you has a reminder of log ins.

We are aware that many of you have more than one child and some of you are working from home. Therefore, we will not be demanding that anyone must be online at a particular time of day but we will give you flexible windows to join the teacher so that your child can ask questions and have learning explained. We do, however, ask for your support with encouraging your child to engage with learning (at flexible times) so that they do not fall behind. Please be aware the teacher has Key Worker and Vulnerable children in class with them and has to support the children in class and at home at the same time - this won't be easy. We will do everything we can to support you and the school office will be open every day.

We have a few laptops which we are able to loan to parents at home with no electronic devices but we do not have enough for every pupil in school. The Prime Minister mentioned last night that more would be sent to schools but there has not been any time frame given. Again, we will do our best to support with this if you contact your child's teacher.

We have contacted the school catering service to confirm that they will provide hampers to families who are registered for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium). The hampers will contain enough food for several meals and will save you having to go out to the shops. We have staff volunteers who will deliver them to you. Please do not expect them to arrive immediately, there are 192 hampers to organise and deliver, we will get them to you as quickly as we possibly can.

Key Worker and Vulnerable places have now been allocated. If your child has one of these places in school the following list will be of use for you.

- Normal pick up and drop off points. Start times as normal.
- Your child will be with their normal teacher (unless the teacher is unwell or isolating)
- School uniform to be worn but additional layers do not have to be school colours.
- You should still be able to order a hot meal if your child is attending school.

Once again, my thanks for your ongoing support. Stay safe and please contact us if you need help with anything.  
Mrs Fletcher