

Monday 11 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Government guidance changes each day, it is important that we keep you informed of any updates that may be applicable to our families.

On 8th January, the Government updated their guidance on critical worker groups:

*Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.***

As a school, we are committed to helping our families as much as we can and as shared on Friday, feel very proud of what we achieved last week especially. As a staff team, we are dedicated to our Critical Worker provision for all of those families that absolutely need it. We do ask that all families reconsider this frequently to keep our staff and pupils as safe as possible. If you no longer need/want your child in school, please notify the office at your earliest convenience.

As we see the number of Covid cases continuing to rise, we desperately want to keep our bubbles open so that we are able to support our parents, particularly those that are working for the NHS. The more children that we have in each bubble, the higher the risk (and greater the impact) of it closing if a positive case occurs. It is for this reason that we have moved to year group bubbles to minimise the size of our groups.

As we adjust to a lockdown routine again, we understand that juggling home learning is difficult, and it is not an option that the majority of us would choose, but it is important to remember exactly why the Government are asking for us to stay at home. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the rainbow room to discuss the many ways that the school can support you with home learning - we are here to help.

Within school, there is also an increased need to give our teachers dedicated time to develop our online/remote learning for those children who are not in school. Effectively, this means that in some cases our teachers need to be in two places at once as well as juggling their own families. Please be patient if staff do not respond immediately to any emails or Showbie.



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Please do remember this is week one! As a staff, we continue to learn new ways of working at a rapid pace and commit to support every child, at home and at school, as best as we possibly can.

I will continue to keep you informed of our reflections as we move forward together.

Stay safe,

Mrs A Morrison



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