

6th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly despite the lockdown, happy New Year to you all.

As you'll be fully aware the Government, at the last minute, have put us into a full National Lockdown and as a result schools are closed to all children except those classed as 'Vulnerable' or children of Key Workers. Yesterday we called families who we believed meet the criteria. Below are the Government definitions we have used. If you believe you meet any of these criteria and haven't been spoken to please contact the school.

Key Workers include those working in:

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Key Public Services
- Local and National Government
- Food and Other Necessary Goods
- Public Safety and National Security
- Transport
- Utilities, Communication and Financial Services

Vulnerable Children include:

- Have a Social Worker involved with the family
- Have an Education, Health and Care Plan
- Children in the process of being referred to Children's Social Care
- Adopted children or children subject to a special guardianship order
- Those living in temporary accommodation
- Those who are young carers
- Those who may have difficulty engaging in home learning (This includes any child that does not have access to an internet enabled device such as a smart phone, tablet or PC/Laptop for the duration of the school day)
- Care leavers

Children in school

If your child is still attending school start and finish times are the same as usual. Children will be in small socially distanced groups and will be having the usual timetabled lessons. They are expected to be in uniform and attendance will be tracked as normal.

Remote learning

You should have already been contacted via Dojo, Tapestry or Microsoft Teams by a member of the teaching teams. Timetables have been produced and staff have been working hard to ensure learning is in place. Staff are using a mixture of recorded sessions, external resources, live face to face sessions for groups who can access this, work packs and phone calls. If you have any problems please contact your teacher via Dojo, Tapestry or email. It is expected that as far as possible the children at home will receive the same opportunities to learn as children in school. THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL and children are expected to engage, please support us with this.

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If your child is in school hot meals will be available for all. If your child receives free school meals this will continue as normal.

If your child is working remotely and is entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free school meals further information will be issued later today.

Wellbeing

During these extremely difficult times if you should need any other support please contact the school. We are fortunate to be associated with the Oasis Hub who are an amazing branch of the Oasis family. They may be able to help families who are struggling with food, mental well being or any other problems. If you feel you need help please contact the school and ask for Mrs Cassin or Mrs Beswick who will try to help.

Please follow the rules and keep yourselves safe during this dark and difficult period. The school are here to help, use us if you need us.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Fowler'.

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