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Newsletter- Important Update COVID-19

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Dear families,

Thank you for your support and understanding late last night and thank you to everyone who shared the text from our crucial letter when the official communication system decided to go in to lockdown a few hours ahead of schedule! Please find below the information that you will need whether your child is attending school or not.

We have had over 120 applications compared to the 15-20 regular pupils we had in the last lockdown. As the guidance is clear on who can and who cannot request a space and we trust that our parents have requested a place based on a genuine need, we have done our best to support all applications and offer places where requested before the set deadline. As we have had so many applications, however, we must stress three things:

1. Having 50% of the school in does not feel like a closure, nor does it significantly reduce the risk of infection as is designed by the latest Government decision. If you do not need the support any longer or you need it less than you initially thought please let us know as soon as possible.
2. We cannot offer further spaces from now on unless there are exceptional circumstances or pupils give up their spaces. A waiting list will be started from today.
3. This number of applications means that we can only operate with normal class bubbles to keep children and staff safe (we had hoped to mix two year groups with small numbers to make one new bubble of around 12-15 and release significant staffing to provide online, live learning.)

Despite this we have worked throughout the day to create appropriate staffing teams and provide enough opportunities for children at home to join in with their learning. The children will be covering the same or very similar content to the children in class. Children will have a school pack provided via email on a Sunday (this will also be uploaded online on the 'curriculum tab') for their class. If you require a hard copy of the work provided please email us by Friday lunchtime so that one can be prepared and posted to be with you by the Monday. These packs will be built upon in class and during online learning. Please see the table below to explain our remote learning offer. Please also note the important guidelines for being safe online. A member of senior leadership will be present on all calls to monitor safety and behaviour. I cannot stress how much additional work we are asking of our staff to carry out their duties so we hope that all families can join us and engage fully.

Please note that we have tried to balance our offer against the age of the pupils, their levels of independence and readiness to learn remotely at length. We have also considered the many and varied views/circumstances of our families, many of whom will be trying to support online learning whilst working themselves. For this reason we feel that the 2 or 3 opportunities to learn online to supplement their learning packs and other shared resources will work well. Furthermore, we have NOT paused our curriculum this time around as we already have gaps to teach when we eventually return and we want to stress the importance of all children keeping up with daily reading, writing, maths and wider curriculum opportunities. We know that this is tough but our community never ceases to amaze us and I we are sure we can work through this if we support each other. We are here, just like last time, to help you with any issues you have- emotional, academic, financial- please reach out and see how we can help. Our curriculum will continue and we will ensure that children in and out of school receive 3-4 hours of educational support each day, most of which is very similar indeed.

The zoom sessions mentioned below will use the 'breakout room' feature for KS2 as Y3/4 and Y5/6 will spilt off after the initial registration and demonstration. This will also be the case for the EYFS morning zoom (nursery and reception splitting off) and the F1-Y2 end of the day (KS1 and the whole of EYFS splitting off). If you do not have internet access or do not have enough devices to access the sessions (for example you might have 2 children, one in Y3 and one in Y5 so you would need both online at the same times but on 2 devices) then please do let us know as soon as possible. Tomorrow- between 10am and 2pm we will put lots of resources- workbooks, paper and pencils etc in our entrance foyer for parents to collect should they wish to.

Remote Learning Summary- daily- starts tomorrow!

Weekly learning pack emailed on a Sunday afternoon to all classes

Will also be added to the school website on a Sunday evening

Live zoom teaching/support for all pupils in phase groups

More support on zoom for the older pupils due to their increased levels of independence

Teacher modelling clips in lower school shared to support the learning packs on Twitter or Youtube. Please join our Twitter feed and look out for learning clips each morning for pupils in F1-Y2 or links to established sites and useful support videos.

Maths- White Rose videos, resources, questions and answers provided weekly in Y1-Y6
The live teaching will ensure that children are aware of the work set, how to complete it, have examples modelled to them, etc. Further work will be done by pupils when the zoom has ended.

Live Teaching Timetable- Daily from Wednesday 6th January 2021

Time	Staff	Year Group	Activity
9.10-9.30am	Mrs Exley/Mrs Honey or Mrs Parr	EYFS (F1/F2)	Today's Learning in EYFS
9.30-10am	Mrs Fearn Mr Venus	Year 5/6 Year 3/4	KS2 Core Learning 1
10.15-10.45am	Mrs Evans or Mrs Royston	Year 1/2	Literacy KS1
11-11.30am	Mrs Fearn Mr Venus	Year 5/6 Year 3/4	KS2 Core Learning 2
2-2.30pm	Mrs Fearn Mr Venus	Year 5/6 Year 3/4	KS2 Foundation Learning
2.45-3.15pm	Mrs Evans or Mrs Royston/ Mr McClure and EYFS staff	Year 1/2 EYFS	Sharing today's learning, story time and tomorrow's learning

- Please note that a new ZOOM link will be created and shared each evening. This should not be shared outside of our email contacts for safety reasons. (The first one is attached to this email.)
- The same link will be used during the day so please click on the link, or add the meeting ID and password in to the zoom website from any device.
- Please set up your zoom when you first log in to show your child's first name only
- Please do not capture or share images or clips of the teaching or participants
- Children must be fully and appropriately dressed to take part and they should have their video on but microphone muted. If your child is asked to comment or wants to engage during the lesson please comment in the chat facility (we will show them how to do this). If you are asked to unmute please ensure that children do not background noise- or inappropriate music/TV/conversations in the background.

Failure to follow these guidelines will result in removal from online lessons.

Below are two explainers for parents to help to set up their children on Zoom.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV67BoJEPqk>

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-zoom>

The teachers leading the zooms will share their email address so that parents can picture and share any completed work for feedback.

Pupils in school

Thank you for registering your application for a place. All emails received before 11am today have been accepted as stated above, I will reply to them individually later today to confirm and clarify anything that is unclear. All pupils can start at school tomorrow where requested. **Please contact us each Friday to make us aware of the days required for the following week if it is not for the full week.** This will help us to plan safely for the following week and keep our numbers to a minimum. Of course, children in school on some days but not others can join us online on their days at home. We are still working on our provision for Free School Meals pupils from next Monday but from tomorrow to Friday we will provide 3 days of packed up food per child. This can be collected via arrangement or we can drop off ASAP- please contact us by Wednesday lunch time to take up this offer.

We have prepared the following school day and staffing for our bubbles:

RAINBOW Group Nursery Mrs Exley, Mrs Armitage, Mrs Coulton
Red Reception Mrs Honey/Mrs Parr (Monday-Weds and Weds-Fri), Mrs Slack, Mr France/Mrs Ratcliffe
Orange- Y1 Mrs Evans, Mrs Lowe
Yellow- Y2 Mrs Royston, Mrs Northrop
Green Year 3 Mrs Kelly and Mrs Gale
Blue Year 4 Miss Alderson and Mrs Akrill
Indigo Year 5 Mrs Wildsmith/Mrs Henstock (Monday-Weds and Weds-Friday), Mrs Beresford
Violet Year 6 Mrs Mayston and Mrs Kent

Please note the table with specific start and end times- as always these must be very clearly adhered to. Y5/6 pupils can continue to walk to and from school where they have permission granted. The one way system and drop off/collection systems will continue from tomorrow. All other aspects of our risk assessment remain- temperature checks, face masks for parents, etc remain.

Bubble	Arrival	AM playtime	Lunch (Hall) Cleaning ongoing	Lunch Play (outdoor when possible)	Ready by	Depart
RAINBOW (F1)	8.40am	Continuous	11.30-12.15	N/A	2.50pm	3.00pm
Red (F2)	8.45am	Provision	12-12.45pm	12.45-1.15pm	2.50pm	3.00pm
Orange Y1	8.50am	10.10-10.30	12-12.45pm	12.45-1.15pm	2.55pm	3.05pm
Yellow Y2	8.50am	10.10-10.30	12-12.45pm	12.45-1.15pm	2.55pm	3.05pm
Green Y3	8.55am	10.10-10.30	12.45-1.30pm	12.15-12.45pm	3.00pm	3.10pm
Blue Y4	8.55am	10.30-10.50	12.45-1.30pm	12.15-12.45pm	3.00pm	3.10pm
Indigo Y5	9am	10.30-10.50	12.45-1.30pm	12.15-12.45pm	3.05pm	3.15pm
Violet Y6	9am	10.30-10.50	12.45-1.30pm	12.15-12.45pm	3.05pm	3.15pm

Important Notes:

Non-uniform...dress for being active and outdoors

Water bottle and book bag/log needed daily

Drop off and collection systems one way and drop/collect at classroom doors as per pre-Jan lockdown

Siblings- arrive together between the times for oldest and youngest sibling (e.g. a Y1 and Y5 should arrive at 8.55am and go at 3.10pm)

A hot meal choice will be provided but this may be reduced at short notice

Thank you for your support at this very challenging time. Please stay safe.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher