

8th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a this has been for everyone his week! I hope everyone is keeping safe and coping with the pressures of the latest lockdown. It is very challenging having to remain at home and this can be very stressful. Please do contact the school if you feel we can help in anyway.

We are having to restrict the number of pupils on site to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. If you feel that your child is entitled to a place between use the form below to request a place:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXSrj9GaltqiAIGr-4Vy29UuhUME5QV080STRLSIQxVE9QRE04NEFPVzRHMS4u>

The aim of the Partial School Closure is to reduce the mixing of households by having fewer children on site, so please only apply if you need the place. We are having to assess each application carefully before offering a place on site.

Remote Learning Offer

I would like to thank everyone for the many positive comments we have received throughout the week in relation to the online learning offer. Staff, parents and pupils have had to adapt to a new way of teaching and learning and everyone is doing really well. It is fantastic that everyone is trying so hard to ensure the children do not fall behind in their education.

The staff have produced work packs to support the pupils working from home which mirrors the online learning and can be collected by parents every Monday.

Surnames -A-F - 9.30am until 10.15am

Surnames -G-P - 10.15am until 11.15am

Surnames -Q-Z - 11.15am until 12.15am

It is important that you inform your class teacher if you require one. If a pack is requested, please ensure you come to school and collect them. We have hundreds of packs that have been made this week that have not been collected. This means a lot of staff time has been wasted which could have been better used supporting the children in school at home. If you are self-isolating or shielding, then please contact the school and we will arrange for them to be delivered.

Some teachers have reported that children from other households have been knocking at the door during live teaching sessions to ask one another if they want to come out to play. Firstly, this is against government guidance and is unacceptable in a lockdown. Secondly, the children need to be engaged in learning during the school day. The school has a duty to notify the relevant authorities if families are not following the Lockdown restrictions.

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Free School Meals

The school has issued Wonde vouchers today for the sum of £30 for all pupils entitled to free school meals and learning from home. The government are in the process of organising a national scheme, therefore the provider of these vouchers may change in the near future.

All pupils who are attending school are continuing to receive a free school meal in school.

Laptops from the Department of Education (DFE)

Understandably we have received a large number of requests for laptops to support the remote learning offer. All of our laptops issued by the DFE have been distributed to families. We have been informed by the Department of Education that our school will be entitled to order Laptops through the government scheme within the next week or so. Please be aware that in the Autumn Term we only received 19! We will of course distribute the laptops as quickly as possible.

Please keep safe and look after yourselves.

Regards

Mr. Bradley

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