

1st January 2021

Arrangements for the Start of Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you and your family have enjoyed the break over Christmas despite the restrictions.

The Government's announcement on Wednesday in light of rising coronavirus cases means that our school will not be reopening for most pupils next week.

For the first two weeks of the Spring Term, we will only be able to offer face-to-face education to vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. **So, unless your child or children fall into one of these categories, they should NOT return to school as planned next week.**

We will be in contact with you early next week to tell you how we will support your child to learn at home for the first two weeks of term. We expect the children to be able to return to school on Monday 18th January, but this will be reviewed by the Government nearer the time.

Home learning and the Community Classroom for eligible pupils will begin on Thursday 7th January. This is to allow our staff team to receive Covid tests, prepare online learning and organise community classroom provision.

Vulnerable and Key Worker Children

Like the spring and summer terms, the school will be open only to these children for on-site provision from Thursday 7th January. We will contact vulnerable families directly but if you are a key worker family, the following steps need to be completed:

1. Fill out the online survey via the link below – please complete the survey separately for each child you wish to attend
2. Provide any required documentation evidencing your employment status
3. Await correspondence from the school confirming your child/children's place

This provision will be the same as what is provided virtually and will run from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Lunch will be provided.

Online Survey for Key Worker Provision (this must be completed by 12pm on Monday 4th January with places confirmed by 3pm on Tuesday 5th January):

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dBTLADSljUaCn2NuzjLCTEb_5SrWkSFMvVztOLGd1TVUQVdBMUNJVTIVTzhRUFAYU1JMRFFGUIVMMS4u

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on a phone or tablet to access the form:



If you are unable to use the form, please call the school office on Monday morning from 9.00am – 12pm where you will be asked the questions on the form.

Free School Meals: If you are eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive a food voucher to support you with food costs. The office will organise this next week so please be patient as they look to set everything up.

The rising rate of infection in our community is naturally of concern to us. Please be assured that your child's health and wellbeing is our top priority, and we will be reviewing all our safety procedures before children return to school.

As always, we will keep you updated with any developments and thank you for your patience and support as we switch, once again, to new ways of working.

Every good wish to you all for 2021.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Upfield', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Daniel Upfield
Principal