

4th January 2021

Dear Parents

Thankyou for your patience today. This letter comes so late at night after we've had a whole staff zoom meeting, I've spoken to Clubhouse and our Chair of Governors as well as emails from many of you; again, I am so grateful to have such a great team around me.

Boris Johnson's announcement of a national lockdown beginning at midnight is rather short notice (!) but probably a most timely move in the long run. We are certainly more prepared for this one than we were for the first back in March 2020 however, mobilizing such a sea change in provision does take some logistical organisation!

Thankyou to you all for completing the online surveys I sent home today. It's helping us be more planned for the weeks to come.

Tuesday 5th January

IN SCHOOL

Tomorrow we will have the minimum number of children in school as you've indicated through your emails and messages to me this evening – there is only a place available if you have no other alternative for childcare tomorrow. They will be taught by their class teacher in their normal classes and breakfast club and hot lunches will go ahead as normal. Please supply your child with a snack for mid-morning, even if they would normally get this from school. Miriam and I have been in contact and she will contact anyone who has indicated they might be in school tomorrow to see if you need a Clubhouse place.

AT HOME

All other children should remain at home. There will be a very minimal and basic offer of remote learning which you may choose to engage with tomorrow as teachers only left our zoom call less than an hour ago!

Wednesday 6th January

IN SCHOOL

Key worker provision can begin in earnest with usual school hours and children largely being taught in their class groups as they are. If you are a key worker family, whether you would like a space or not, I will write to you on Tuesday with further details. Breakfast club will run as usual too. Clubhouse may run but this is subject to numbers making it feasible and Miriam or I will confirm as soon as we have these.

AT HOME

Remote learning will begin in earnest here too. We are anticipating that from Monday 11th January, we will provide at least one 'live' lesson each day that children will need to tune into. More details on that to follow.



HOME LEARNING

Your return on the IT survey was phenomenal and has really helped us shape what support you need tomorrow and in the coming days. We have a list of families we will be contacting as we should have enough tablets or chromebooks for every child indicated on the reply to have one for use at home which should make home learning a little easier than it was back in the summer!

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, there will be allocated time slots for every family to come to school and collect resources their child/ren will need so that they can successfully access home learning. We will be busy gathering and sorting these on Tuesday! They will contain:

- Pencil cases with all your child needs
- Exercise books
- A stack of reading books
- Success point chart
- Any other bits your child's teacher thinks they need for the forthcoming 6 weeks.

Please make sure you come in your time slot (or let us know if you can't and we'll give you an alternative time). If you don't turn up, we will be ringing to nag so please do save us the job!!!

Every child will have their dojo, google classroom and, where applicable, TTRock Stars login posted on Dojo by Wednesday morning so that you have a permanent record of it.

I am sure there will be a million things I've forgotten to write about or that you need to know. Please do bear with us if you don't get an immediate response in the next 24hrs, we will get to you, I promise!

We were very proud of the home learning we provided during the last lockdown but of course there are lessons learnt and we are determined to improve on this provision further over the next 6 weeks. I am so very sorry that we are in this position again after such brilliant progress was made in the last term. I hope that we can maintain some of that momentum and return together very soon after February half term.

I know I am in grave danger of drowning you with letters and messages but I will write again by Wednesday to confirm key worker details and any other points that come out with further government guidance.

Thankyou for bearing with us and for your kind words to date, they really do lift our school community.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher

