

5th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Thankyou for giving us the space and time today to sort things out at our end, our plans are advanced and I can communicate with you today with certainty what will be happening in pre-school and for those of you with home learning in the coming 6 weeks.

I must stress that, whilst this is a national lockdown, it is not quite the same as previously in the summer of 2020. We have learnt a lot of useful things from that prior experience which hopefully will make for a smoother and more consistent approach for both you and your children so please do take time, with a cuppa (and a biscuit!) to read the following carefully.

Mrs Evans or I have had contact with all of our families one way or another in pre-school today and we can confirm that we are opening pre-school for children of key workers, vulnerable children and others with special educational needs.

We have a very limited number of children who need to take up this place and we are also conscious that a child needs another child to play with to make it even a little bit enjoyable! To this end, we will be offering full days on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Even if these are not your child's normal days, you are more than welcome to send your child in on any or all of these days.

Please confirm, by email to adminoffice@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk which of these days you wish your child to take up before midnight on Wednesday 6th January.

THERE WILL BE NO PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION IN THE SETTING AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY 11TH JANUARY.

If your child does attend pre-school will run pretty much as normal for your child/ren;

- The day will still have the staggered starts as in place from Monday 4th January between 8.45am and 9am and will end at 3.15pm each day for all children.
- You will need to drop off and pick up from the same places you have been since September.
- Hot lunches will be available as per the normal menu with a meat, veggie and jacket potato option. Lunches will be charged at the normal rate.
- If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, please send one in from home.
- The pre-school bubble will still be unique with separate playtimes and lunch times from the rest of the school which keeps your children and our staff much safer.
- Even when they are not in the setting, the staff team will provide activities, online stories and various interactive sessions via Tapestry – Mrs Evans shot off home to start these off today!!

The office team will be splitting their days so we won't have 2 office staff in together at any one time. This will hopefully give us capacity in case one is off for any reason.

We hope that this answers any questions you may have. If I have missed anything, please do get in contact with me via email e.jefferies@stockbridge.hants.sch.uk - I won't be picking up personal tapestry messages as it's too much to monitor at a time when there is a lot coming my way and I really don't want to miss any communication from you!!

Thank you for your continued support. Another lockdown will I know have been received with differing degrees of relief and dread, we are working hard with you to ensure your children receive the best possible care and education possible.

Warm wishes,

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

