

4th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy new year. We can only hope that 2021 will prove to be a less challenging year than 2020 but sadly, it has not started that way!

There has been a lot for us to organise today in order to implement remote learning for all year groups and make arrangements for children of critical workers and children identified as vulnerable to be learning in school. Hopefully we now have everything in place and we have not missed anything vital, however, we will no doubt need to adjust as we go, so do please give your child's teacher(s) feedback about how you and your child are managing over the next couple of weeks.

From tomorrow, all classes will have a remote learning offer, led by the class teachers, through Google Classroom. Your child's teacher(s) will send you an email shortly giving more details about the arrangements, including live sessions with the teacher each day and regular feedback on the learning.

For those families who do not have access to Google Classroom at home, we have a small number of Chrome Books that we can lend out so teachers will be in touch about this where this is possible – we will prioritise our older children first. In the meantime, children will be provided with paper packs of the work to be completed – these will need to be collected from the office; please ring to check that the pack is ready before you make the journey.

The children who will be coming into school to learn will be in year group bubbles, led by two members of our support staff. We can only accept children where parents/carers have already notified us of this by email, as previously requested. For these children, please be aware of the following:

- All children will enter between 8.45-8.55am each morning, via the main gate – the one way system for quick drop offs will still be in place and children will just walk in through the normal door and go to their bubble classrooms. Tomorrow, bubble leaders will be on the playground with signs to support the children coming into school.
- Bubble group classrooms:
 - Reception – Elm area
 - Year 1 – 1 Willow & 1 Pine classrooms (2 bubbles)
 - Year 2 – 2 Cedar classroom
 - Year 3 – 3 Oak classroom
 - Year 4 – 4 Birch classroom
 - Year 5 – 5 Alder classroom
 - Year 6 – 6 Hornbeam classroom
- All children will leave school at 3.00pm each day – parents/carers will collect from the main playground as usual
- School uniform must be worn – additional under layers are advisable due to windows being open for additional ventilation

- Home learning books, previously distributed, must be brought into school – all work will be completed in these books
- School dinners will be available, to be ordered on the day:
 - Tuesday 5/1 Jacket potato or Baguette (both with choice of tuna, ham or cheese)
 - Wednesday 6/1 Cheesy Pasta or Baguette - tuna, ham or cheese
 - Thursday 7/1 Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Baguette - tuna, ham or cheese
 - Friday 8/1 Fish Fingers & Chips or Baguette - tuna, ham or cheese
 - Monday 11/1 Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Baguette - tuna, ham or cheese
 - Tuesday 12/1 Vegetarian Sausage or Baguette - tuna, ham or cheese
 - Wednesday 13/1 Cheesy Pasta or Baguette - tuna, ham or cheese
 - Thursday 14/1 BBQ Chicken & rice or Baguette - tuna, ham or cheese
 - Friday 15/1 Fish Fingers & Chips or Baguette - tuna, ham or cheese

There will be peas/sweetcorn etc and cook will go round each day and check what desserts the children want.
- No free fruit and vegetables will be available for Reception and KS1 children during this period – all children can bring in their own fruit or vegetables to eat at break time
- All other arrangements remain the same, following our existing risk assessment.

I hope this covers everything necessary at the present time. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher, through the year group email address.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sansom
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