



5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (11.45am)

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to give you further updates from our decision to proceed with Remote Learning education and the Prime Minister's decision last night.

It is clear that Remote Learning is here for a longer period of time than first expected and the Prime Minister mentioned that this could go on until February Half term or beyond.

We ask that all families prepare for Remote Learning and our new Virtual Classrooms through Microsoft teams. Further communication will be given out today from the Headteachers on each campus and from the year group leaders.

Our Virtual Classrooms start tomorrow and we ask where possible that all children log in tomorrow morning (unless they are attending school as a Key Worker child or one of the vulnerable children identified to attend school.)

You will shortly receive an email regarding how to access Microsoft Teams. This link will enable your child and you to access the Virtual Classroom.

On Wednesday afternoon, teachers will contact all families who were unable to access Remote Learning or the Virtual Classroom led by the teachers.

We will need to know the reasons for why your child is unable to access the Remote Learning as we may be able to help. Year Group leaders will collate the information and forward this to senior leaders. The school will then liaise with families and try to provide a solution which may include help with accessing devices, providing printed resources, or asking your child to attend school under the Vulnerable child criteria.

Unfortunately, due to the rules related to the new Lockdown, we will not provide printed resources to be collected. Resources that link to the children's learning will be sent out on Monday afternoon and these resources will link to Virtual Classroom lessons from Tuesday to Monday.

Please also note that there will be no Virtual Classrooms on a Friday afternoon but there will be online activities for PE which we ask the children to participate with. Further information will be given out this week.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, from 1.30pm to 4.00pm, where needed, parents and their children can collect an exercise book, a pencil and a pen from the school hall. Please ensure you are wearing a face mask and follow the social distancing rules. Further safety instructions and information will be given out this week and when you arrive on campus.



### **Vulnerable Children and Key Worker Children (coming to school)**

During the period of national lockdown, schools and colleges should only allow vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend. Children with at least one parent or carer who is listed as a critical worker are eligible for a school place.

**Parents will receive a phone call or confirmation email today if they have registered as a Key Worker. Those parents who have registered last night or this morning who do not meet the criteria will not be able to send their child to school.**

The Vulnerable Children will be expected to attend every day. Key Worker families must indicate which days their children will attend. This will be followed up in the phone calls or emails today.

The school will put in a rota of staff linked to this year group to ensure that Year Group bubbles are protected. Year N and Year R children will be placed in the same area due to staffing levels.

Children will be expected to wear uniform and avoid bringing pencils and other items to school. Children can choose a free hot dinner or bring in a packed lunch from home. Meals will be eaten in the classroom and not the school hall.

Further information about coming to school for Vulnerable Children and Key Worker Children will be giving out by the Headteachers today.

### **Free School Meals**

At the moment, we do not have any further information on school meal vouchers but we can provide a packed lunch for any child or children who are entitled to Free School Meals. Please email the school every morning to place your order.

These can be collected on a daily basis from the school hall from 11.30am to 1.00pm.

Finally, the school will be emailing and texting parents on a regular basis with updates and new information. Please ensure that you read these carefully and complete any forms within the time frames given.

These are difficult times for us all and together we need to work together to ensure our children get the best deal at this current time.

As I have already said further communication to follow today including:

- Microsoft Teams letter
- Britwell or Town Hall Headteacher letter – Key worker arrangements for coming to school
- YGL letter or email
- Further clarification for Key Worker to complete an electronic form with part-time working/ part-time school

Best wishes,

Andrew Griffin  
Executive Headteacher