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Dear All,

I thought it would be useful to send some further information for critical worker parents who have children attending school. However, please note that we have still not received any further Government guidance for schools therefore if anything changes or we have further clarification that is useful to share then we will as soon as we are able.

Firstly, please could I remind parents that the reason for the current national lockdown is to reduce contacts and therefore the spread of the virus and the key Government message is to STAY AT HOME. Whilst the guidance does say that school places must be available to all children of critical workers, please could I ask that if you are able to keep your children at home, that you do.

In terms of learning, the children will be accessing the online learning set by their class teachers but supervised by adults in school. This is to try to keep the children's learning the same regardless of whether it is at home or at school which we hope will give some consistency to our curriculum.

As staff have learners at home as well as in school, your child may be taught by an adult that isn't their class teacher. However, we will keep the children in consistent groups and will endeavour to keep consistent adults but this will of course be more difficult if we have staff absence and/or illness.

Please could I request that children arrive promptly at 8:50am using the top gate (on the right as you look at the field from the car park). At the end of school, please come through either gate and wait on a blue line - we are waiting for a dry day to repaint these as we know that some are very faded! Please come to a blue line as close to the building as possible rather than clustering near the gates so we can limit the need for parents to pass by one another.

A reminder that your children will require layers of clothing as we will keep classrooms well-ventilated. Children should wear PE kit on the bottoms (joggers and trainers) and school jumpers/cardigans on the top. The children will still be having PE lessons during the week and they need to be able to be active outside in their clothes without the need to change.

We will be offering a hot school meal at lunch time as well as a packed lunch option, starting next Monday, and we would encourage as many children as possible to sign up for this. The menu is attached for you to make your choices for your children and we ask that this is returned by the end of school on Thursday at the very latest. We will change this menu each week so this is just for week beginning 11th January. Please limit what your children bring into school - ideally we would like packed lunches to be in a disposable bag (paper bag or plastic bag) which we will dispose of once your children have finished eating. We know that we will not be receiving any of the free fruit (Van Gogh and Monet) or milk (for under 5s) and therefore please feel free to send a fruit/vegetable snack for your child to eat at break time.

Many thanks and if you have any queries or questions please do ask!!

Mrs Claire Matthews
Headteacher

*Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help
and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.*

