



5th January 2021.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your supportive comments with regards to the latest lockdown, they are very much appreciated.

The last few days and last minute announcements have certainly been a challenge for school as I appreciate they have been for you and your families. Many of you have found yourselves in impossible situations where you are having to reorganise your lives to facilitate home learning or changes in your work. I can only say that we will support you and your children either at school or with home learning as much as is needed.

The number of children in school today is higher than we had during the initial lockdown. We currently have classes of around twenty children in each year group – this is double the number that we had in March. These children will be set the same work that is put on Class Dojo for all children.

From Wednesday 6th January 2021, we will continue to run breakfast club how we always have but taken the decision to cancel all after school clubs from this date to minimise the number of children mixing. I know this will have an impact on some of your child care which is why I am letting you know as soon as possible.

For those children who will be attending school, the day will be different from 'normal' schooling. We will open the gates at 8:30am, with registration staying at 8:45am. EYFS children will finish at 3pm with all other year groups finishing at 3.05pm, to try and avoid the exit times of our neighbouring school.

If your child is eligible to attend, parents do not need to let us know in advance if your child will be in school and they do not need to be in everyday as there will be continuity with home learning. Please note that because of reduced staffing we are unable to take late arrivals or early leavers. A map of classes being used will be sent out later today – the usual entrances and exits will be used.

If your child is home learning, they will receive daily work, uploaded onto Class Dojo, consisting of Maths, English and a Foundation subject. The Government have advised that for primary schools, this should be three hours per day. Your child's work will be monitored and feedback given. In addition to the daily upload of work, your child's class teacher will call to answer any questions you have and to maintain a link with them – if your child's class teacher is in school you may be contacted by the parallel teacher.

Good luck with everything and may I wish you and your families all the very best during this lockdown. Remember we are here to help and as always, your child's class teacher can be contacted via Class Dojo if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

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