

Dear Parent/Carer

Here we are again, another national lockdown and schools shut to all but critical workers and vulnerable children. I vividly remember writing to you last March, sharing information about the first lockdown, and here I am doing it all over again.

We have all been watching the news daily and listening to the key data around infections. The key message at present is to stay home, keep safe and protect the NHS from being overwhelmed. This advice is imperative if we want to see an end to this pandemic. With the implementation of multiple vaccine's, we can see light at the end of what has been an exceptionally long tunnel.

With all this in mind we have reopened school to a number of children, revisited our risk assessments and supported our staff in keeping safe whilst at work. I would love, in an ideal world to see all your children in school every day but unfortunately this is impossible. The guidance we are working from changes daily, but the message is if you have any way of keeping your children at home you need to do this. Can I ask that you always keep this in mind and if your child is currently attending school and your circumstances change and you are able to keep your child at home then please do so. The guidance is quite clear that even if the adult is working from home your child should not attend school. If your circumstances change and your child is currently working from home and you find that you need provision, please email the school and we will try and accommodate your needs. Each request will be carefully assessed and if we are able to, we will provide a place, we do however, reserve the right to refuse a place based on contributing factors.

I fully appreciate the challenge of trying to work from home and home schooling your children. The teachers in school have been amazing, adapting the way they work to offer your children the best home school experience possible. They present a google meet in the morning to outline the day and then offer a variety of learning opportunities on our school website or directly to your child's email account. My message to you all is try your best, do not worry if you miss a bit, but do as much as you can. If you do not attend google meets. Mrs. Bryson may contact you to see if everything is ok. This is being carried out in a purely supportive way. If you are having any problems with schoolwork, please email your child's class teacher and they will support you in any way they can. If you do not have the appropriate technology to attend the meetings, please contact the school office as we do have a limited number of laptops we can loan out.

Finally, these times are strange so look after each other, stay safe and try to do your best with home schooling. We will be hopefully back to some sort of normality soon and I look forward to seeing all your children back at school as soon as possible.

Yours Faithfully

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