

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parent/carer,

As we are once again in a national lockdown, we wanted to contact you to clarify the position of our school relating to on-site and remote learning. The government states that ‘schools act as vectors for transmission, causing the virus to spread between households’ and that we should once again ‘stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.’

With this in mind, we plan to move to our New Schooling Offer 2.

This will be individualised to each child and will include either a full virtual and remote learning offer or a face-to-face school-based offer. It’s important to state that the school-based offer will be very different to your child’s usual (on site) learning experience and may involve changed groupings, new staff and different organisation. Our remote and virtual learning offer will continue to be led by our outstanding staff team. We will ensure that EHCP objectives are met for your child, whether they are based on-site or at home. We will be in touch soon with an overview of that offer and to arrange for your child to have their iPad at home, if it isn’t with you already.

Either offer will commence immediately.

Our priority continues to be the safety of our pupils, our families and our staff teams.

Our schools will remain open for those children and young people in the following categories, where appropriate:

1. Children of Critical Workers
2. Children open to social workers
3. Children who the school identify as ‘vulnerable’
4. Children identified as “vulnerable” by the Local Authority

Many of you have already completed our survey sent out earlier in this week, but if you feel that your child falls into one of the categories above, please contact school today to confirm their place for tomorrow.

If your child is to return to school and is brought to school on local authority transport, we would ask that you confirm this with the local authority directly.

If your child is entitled to free school meals and will be staying at home, we will be in touch with further information shortly.

We are continuing to explore the roll out of lateral flow testing on-site. Further information will follow.

Please be aware that we are working with the most current information provided by the Government, and the current arrangements are subject to change at short notice

Thank you for your support during this extremely difficult and unprecedented time. As always, we will continue to keep in touch with you regularly to ensure that your child receives the best possible education and support at this time and to keep you updated with any changes.

Yours sincerely,

Mel Rodgers

Head of Site