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Update letter to parents (8) in response to Lockdown. **March 2021**

Dear Parents,

Key Worker provision. The key worker provision will finish tomorrow Thursday March 4th at 3:00pm. Monday March 8th will see everyone return to school as per the government's announcement earlier this week. I have written this before but once again, I hope that school will never again only open to key/critical workers. The numbers in school this time have been significantly bigger than last spring and I hope that those that have had to use school have found it helpful. Trying to juggle work, childcare and school is difficult in times that are more normal and hopefully tomorrow school will close for the final time for critical workers and open for everyone to come back on Monday.

Home Learning. This will end tomorrow, it will however continue for any families that have to self-isolate. If unfortunately any children have to miss any more schooling then the "home learning" will be accessible to those not in school.

Free School Meals. The vouchers for the next two weeks are still available for everyone to redeem. The vouchers are up to and including March 5th. School has also been informed that FSM vouchers will also be available for those eligible over the two weeks of the Easter holidays. As soon as I get more details, I will write to those concerned with all the details. School meals will begin again as normal for everyone in school from Monday 8th.

Return to School. Everyone can now return to school on Monday March 8th. I wrote to everyone yesterday about how this process is to be managed; a copy of the letter is also on our website if anyone didn't receive a copy. Below is a further summary of the main points:

- Monday March 8th All children return to school. Attendance is mandatory.
- All staff are undergoing Lateral Flow Tests twice a week.
- Years Nursery-Y4 arrive/depart school through the normal playground gates. Mrs Logue and Ms Rathbone will oversee the rear of school.
- Years 5 and 6 will arrive/depart school through the main entrance (up the school drive). Mr Aldred will oversee the front of school.



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- The children will remain in their year group bubbles throughout the day, playing and socialising with their own year group only.
- Hand sanitisers will remain at all entrances and throughout school. The children will continue to use them each time they come into school.
- The timings of the school day will change slightly; this is to relieve congestion at home time. At the end of the day, Nursery/Reception will leave at 2:30pm. Y1 and Y2 will depart at 2:45pm with KS2 (Y3-6) leaving school at 3:00pm. All older siblings will leave with their younger brother or sister.
- The car park in front of Y6 classrooms will continue to be used as a playground.
- School dinners will resume as normal from March 8th.
- If a child presents with symptoms he or she will be “isolated” cared for and their parents sent for.
- A positive case of Coronavirus will result in the usual protocols of year groups self-isolating for 10 days. Online learning would then begin through the usual channels.

If anyone is worried about any aspect of the above then please call school and I or Mrs Logue will talk with you.

Before/After school provision. School is going to make every effort to make it as “normal” as possible next week for everyone. Unfortunately, in the short and medium term however it will be difficult to provide a breakfast Club. Guidance makes this impossible now but as and when things change school will consider the feasibility of it returning. After School clubs however are slightly easier to manage as children can remain in their year group/bubbles. Mrs Logue will write to all those concerned as and when then can start up again. I hope that we will be blessed with better weather allowing us to use the outside space whilst keeping in our individual year groups.

Nursery Class 2021-2022. School is accepting applications for Nursery next year. Please contact the school office (464 6355) for further details.

Secondary School Admissions 2021. https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/Year_7_offer_day

Offer emails were sent on Monday 1st March, families only need to contact School Admissions if they are refusing the offer. If families do not contact us to refuse the offer by 15th March, the offer will be accepted. I am available nay time if any family wants to discuss the secondary school place they have been offered (464 6355)

First Holy Communion 2021. A further reminder that Mr Barton has written to everyone last week with a specific Mass/ date and time for Y4 and Y3. Everyone will now be able to make his or her First Holy Communion before the summer holidays.

Confirmation 2021. Once more due to restrictions, this is going to need to change this year. Father Simon has spoken to Bishop David and both agreed that this year it would be best to confirm the children at two separate times. Mr Barton will write to all Y6 parents next week with the final details about how Confirmation 2021 is going to be organised.

Please pray for: Everyone in our school family that we can stay safe and that March 8th can see a smooth return to school life for everyone.

Many thanks to everyone for their understanding, support and patience.

Mr Aldred Head teacher.



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