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## Headteacher's Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Thank you all for your patience and kind words following last night's announcement. Although the media are saying that the lockdown is like the lockdown in March, the guidance for schools is very different.

Schools are instructed that any child whose parent is a critical worker as defined by this document - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> - **should** attend school and in fact we must mark the registers in a different way if parents choose not to send their children into school. The guidance clearly states that only one, and not both parents have to work in a role listed. So, please check the list and complete this online form - <https://forms.gle/inw55rZ3DdMSR3MA7> if your child qualifies for a place.

### **Children attending School**

For the children attending school we ask that they attend everyday (even if the critical worker is not in work that day). We ask that parents/families commit to following the strict lockdown rules in their everyday life to help keep us all safe.

Arrangements are really as before,

- Drop off anytime between 8.50-9.05am and pick up anytime between 2.50 – 3.05pm.
- Uniform relaxed as the children do not change for PE and so can wear trainers (no laces) and tracksuit bottoms
- Children need to bring a water bottle and coat
- Morning snack of milk and fruit plus a hot lunch will continue to be provided.

The children in school will be in 3 class pods. There will be a maximum of 15 children in each pod.

### **Children not attending School/Working from home**

Children at home will need to access the remote learning every day. We will be using google classroom.

We are aiming that each child has access to a device to use google classroom. The device needs to have a microphone and a camera. The day will start with register at 9.30am. This will be followed by some live teaching. Children will need to logon again for assembly at 10.30. The 2<sup>nd</sup> live session will be at 11am. On a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday there will also be a live teaching afternoon phonics session. (Thursday afternoons will be a PE & craft afternoon and classteachers will send ideas)

We do have some devices that we can loan to parents. Please complete this form to request a loan - <https://forms.gle/VWbV1ztcUadSMChc6>