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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with further information regarding our provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers that will be running from tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January until Friday 15th January.

Thank you for specifying the days on which you need your child to attend. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you know that your child will not be attending on a day specified. It is essential that children are only in school if they absolutely have to be. **When critical workers are not at work, the expectation is that children will be at home.**

Group Arrangements

The children will spend their days in small bubbles with children from their phase. This means children from Nursery and Reception will be together as will children from Year 1 and Year 2, children from Year 3 and Year 4, and children from Year 5 and Year 6. The children do not need to wear school uniform.

School Meals

School meals will be provided on request. If your child is eligible for free school meals but you are not sending your child in each day, you have two options:

- Request free school meals for the days your child does attend. FSM vouchers will not be provided for the two-week period.
- Send your child into school with a packed lunch on the days they attend. FSM vouchers will be provided.

We are still waiting for an update on how FSM vouchers will be paid. We will notify you as soon as information is available.

Children attending Breakfast Club – Drop-off arrangements – 8:00am

Parents can continue to accompany their children onto the school site. The children are to be dropped off at the door to the KS2 Hall as usual at 8:00am.

Children not attending Breakfast Club – Drop-off arrangements – 8:30-8:45am
Collection arrangements – 3:15pm

A smaller drop-off window will operate between 8:30am and 8:45am. As our numbers are reduced, parents and carers can enter the school site.

Please queue at the following gates and doors at drop-off and collection times:

- Nursery and Reception: KS1 Hall door (Enter the site through Gate 1 next to the Site Manager's house, leave through Gate 2)
- Year 1 and Year 2: KS1 Gate (Enter the site through Gate 1, leave through Gate 2)
- Year 3 and Year 4: Maths Room (Enter the site through Gate 3 next to the underpass, leave through Gate 2)
- Year 5 and Year 6: Year 2 Gate (Enter the site through Gate 3, leave through Gate 2)

Remote Learning

The children will be accessing the remote learning for their year group when in school, under the supervision of staff. Please see the letter that will follow regarding remote learning for more information.

Finally, it continues to be of the utmost importance that we follow guidance around staying safe and around self-isolation. Please wear a face covering around our school site and do practise social distancing.

Yours sincerely,

C. McClay

Mr. C. McClay
Principal