



2 November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back!

We are delighted that we have been able to return to school, following this weekend's announcement about a second National lockdown. We will be trying our best to carry on as normal for as long as possible, but we know we will be easily affected if only a few members of staff need to be absent. You will, I am sure, understand that because of this, we will not yet be providing before and after-school care.

We are asking you to help by maintaining social distancing, especially at drop off/pick up times and to only speak to staff face to face if absolutely necessary – and please wear a face covering. All staff are happy to speak by telephone if you have a question or concern.

We will also need to know as soon as possible about any children with symptoms (new, continuous cough; temperature; loss/change of taste or smell) who are being tested, or about any children who have to isolate due to a positive case in the household. If you want to know about next steps, or what you should do, we'll try our best to help.

Remote learning / Learning from home

Thank you to all parents who completed our 'remote learning' survey last half-term. This has helped us to think about what we would provide if we had to send groups of children home, individuals had to isolate, or if the school had to close.

The majority of responses indicated that children were engaged in learning activities of some kind for 1-2 hours per day. The most well-used 'online' sites were BBC Bitesize and Times Tables Rock Stars.

In school, all children have experience of Lexia and TTRS, so this would be an easy way for them to continue to practice their basic skills at home. Teachers are already preparing activity grids which reflect the learning which is going on in school, most of the tasks are paper-based, but in the event of a closure, teachers would also prepare links to online resources too.

Governor Vacancies

Mrs Stacey Deinali was appointed as a Parent Governor during our last round of nominations, and she will begin Governor duties this month.

There is still a vacancy for a parent governor, and there will be another after Christmas, due to the end of another term of office. If you are interested in finding out more, or joining the governing body, please get in touch.

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Christmas 2020	Friday 18 December 2020	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring half-term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 March 2021	Monday 12 April 2021
Summer half-term 2021	Thursday 27 May 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021	
School will be closed for the following staff training days:		
Fri 20 Nov 2020	Mon 18 Jan 2021	Fri 28 May 2021

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support!

Mrs Dunn