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CRITICAL WORKER/VULNERABLE PUPIL PROVISION FROM JUNE 1ST

Dear Parents,

This letter is an acknowledgement that you child is on our critical worker/vulnerable pupil register. Many of you have been emailing us in recent weeks, but this letter will hopefully answer some of your questions and give you some more information about the provision from after Spring Bank holiday.

We are happy for you to be flexible in relation to accessing provision and you will not need to book every week, as your child's place in their 'bubble' class is held for them. If we find provision is not used for a few weeks, we will contact you about this to see if you still need the place.

Government guidance says that class sizes should be a maximum of 15, but they ask us to risk assess this number against the size of our classrooms and access to toilet facilities for each class. We have done this and feel we can only safely open to class sizes of around 10 children. This limits the number of children we can offer places to this summer, as the safety of our children, parents and staff remain our key priority. These classes of around 10 children will stay in a 'bubble', not mixing with other children or moving round school and having different breaks from others. Should one child or adult in a 'bubble' become ill with symptoms of Covid-19, all children and adults in that 'bubble' will need to self-isolate and be tested.

Critical worker provision will look different to how it looked up to now, for those of you who have previously accessed it, as we are planning for higher numbers. A teacher will be teaching classes in their small groups of around 10 pupils in the morning, and then teaching assistants will teach them in the afternoon. Because we have had to split classes and year groups into small groups, it is not likely that they will be taught by their teacher in their usual classroom. Lessons will continue, focusing on English and maths, but on a much smaller scale with no group work and with little physical interaction other than what a child can do individually in order that movements can be controlled as far as possible. For our very youngest children, the provision will be slimmed down in order to try our best to control access and hygiene. Children will stay in their classroom and not access the rest of school.

We need to stagger entry and exit times to ensure that we do not have a bottle neck of parents collecting at the beginning and end of the school day, so start and end times have been adapted to allow for this. We are also closing slightly earlier to help us prioritise the disinfecting of resources in the classrooms. Please bring your child to the entrance gate identified in this letter below, where you will be met by a member of staff with whom to handover your child. ***For everyone's safety, we are not opening school to any adults including parents – if you need to contact us please phone or email, and if you need to collect your child early please buzz the entrance and the office staff will bring your child to you at the gate.***

We are closing the Nursery building at 2.00 p.m. to allow for disinfection of resources, which is a challenge in a nursery setting. Please make sure you continue to register for 30- hour provision.

Lunch is at 12-1pm if you are collecting your child at the end of the morning.

Critical worker classes:

Year Group	Teacher	Classroom	Start and end of day times	Entrance used by parents to drop off and collect
Foundation stage	Miss Downes	Nursery	9am-2.00p.m.	main entrance
Key Stage 1 (year 1 and year 2)	Mrs Wain	Year 2W	8.50am – 2.30pm	Side entrance gate
Lower Key Stage 2 (year 3 and year 4)	Mrs Gardner	Year 5S	8.45 am– 2.30pm	Main entrance
Upper Key Stage 2 (year 5 and year 6)	Mrs Catto	Year 5C	8.45am – 2.30pm	Main entrance

How will we keep your child safe?

Classes	Year group critical workers will be divided into smaller groups of around 10 children depending on the size of the classroom in order that social distancing can be maintained as far as possible with children. Please note that whichever group your child is placed with, they will not be mixing with other pupils or staff from outside of these groups.
Lessons	An adapted curriculum will be taught which is less interactive with no group or paired work in order to try to maintain social distancing wherever possible. Outdoor learning and fitness will be plentiful - weather permitting. <u>Online learning tasks set by class teachers will continue to be set during term times for all children who continue to remain at home.</u>
Equipment	Classrooms have been organised to remove unnecessary equipment and resources in order to minimise hand contact and ensure that surfaces can be sanitised easily. We will be providing children with their own writing equipment in order to minimise contact and the sharing of resources. Children will also need to have their own water bottle in school as previously: please make sure they bring this. As always, please label your children's clothing wherever possible in order to minimise shared contact.
Social Distancing	Children will be given regular reminders about social distancing of two metres. Signage is in place. Social distancing cannot be guaranteed as children are children!
Hygiene	Children will be given a safety announcement at the start of the school day alongside very regular reminders & opportunities for handwashing. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. The rules of

	'Catch it, bin it, kill it!' & coughing into elbows (rather than into the air) will be reinforced.
Masks	Whilst the Government has advised the public to consider wearing face coverings in enclosed public spaces such as shops, trains and buses to help reduce the spread of coronavirus, it has also advised that this is not appropriate for schools. If a child or member of staff wishes to wear a mask out of personal choice, then this is permitted, and we will wear it if a child develops symptoms, as recommended by the government.
Cleaning	Our cleaning staff are absolutely dedicated and are working continuously to ensure that the school is a safe environment in which to learn and work. Daily deep cleans take place at the end of each school day and all school staff have a cleaning routine to follow throughout the day on classroom surfaces (handles, equipment, etc) at very regular intervals.
Breaks	All breaks will be at staggered times and in different areas of the school grounds (weather permitting). Children will remain in their set social groups in order to minimise contact.
Lunches & Lunchtimes	There will be no hot meals provided by Taylor Shaw but they have confirmed now that they can provide a packed lunch. You will need to book the usual way, through Lunch Hound for this online. The children of our critical workers eat a packed lunch from home in their classroom or one they have ordered through Taylor Shaw.
Illness	Your child's temperature and the temperature of all staff will be taken at the start of the day using a contact free thermometer. Any child complaining of feeling ill or who has a temperature will be cared for following our usual procedure but will need to self-isolate in our designated area and parents/ carers will be contacted to pick up as soon as possible in order to minimise contact with others. If your child or someone in your household is unwell or shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, then please do not send them to school under any circumstances in order to prevent the spread of the illness to other children and staff. In this instance, the child should be self-isolated wherever possible for 7 days and all fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. Please let us know urgently if this is the case as <i>'where a child tests positive, the rest of the class/group should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.'</i> (DfE Guidance).
Attendance	The government recognises that some of our parents and carers may prefer (if their circumstances permit it) to continue to keep their child/ren at home and therefore has confirmed that absence rates will not be tracked and fixed notice penalties not issued for non-attendance during the summer term.

Once again, thank you for all of your support during these difficult & challenging times. We appreciate all you are doing and the way you have worked with us to navigate these unusual times!

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