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#### Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, Happy New Year and I hope you had a lovely Christmas.

Secondly thank you for your patience today as we are navigating our way through this newest lockdown.

Please read the following for important information regarding eligible places and remote learning:

### Eligible children for school places

All vulnerable children including those with EHCPs are expected to be in school.

Children with a parent who is listed as a critical worker (please find the list on Gov.UK website) can have a school place.

## Parents and Carers can choose to keep their child at home and schools have been directed to authorise these absences.

If your job is listed on the critical worker list then please email <u>head@feckenhamfirst.worcs.sch.uk</u> with your request for a place plus your job title. Thank you.

Children who are allowed to attend school will be taught in their own classroom by their usual teacher and teaching assistant. Teaching and learning content will be the same as that set for remote learning (please note that this is subject to change within the safe working guidelines).

As before Christmas, school is running the 'bubble' system with the same risk management systems in place to reduce the risk of the spread of the COVID-19. Therefore adults dropping off and picking up should still wear face coverings and keep a safe distance from others.

# As I am unsure of numbers of pupils returning at this point, please continue to use the same staggered start and finish times as before the Christmas break.

At the time of writing, we are waiting to hear from AIP regarding school lunches therefore if your child will be attending school tomorrow, please provide a packed lunch. Thank you.

#### **Remote Learning**

We now have Seesaw in place for teachers to set daily learning tasks and all children should have login details provided last term. If you have mislaid yours then please email the school office or my email for them to be sent to you again.

Teachers will post work onto Seesaw daily and will provide feedback during school hours where possible.





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It is our intention to provide daily remote 'face to face' contact too with those children who cannot attend school. This may be in the form of a whole class story session and/or discussions on learning tasks (age appropriate).

Please bear with us in this first week as we iron out any teething issues especially as IT can at times throw up difficulties!

If you have any problems accessing the remote learning package or indeed getting your child to engage, please let us know so we can help out.

Prior to the holidays we purchased an online library and again over the next few days we can provide links to this resource and will be able to add reading books to Seesaw.

### Remember we are here for everyone, therefore if you need anything please ring or email and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Needless to say this is not what we wanted following the Christmas holidays, however let us keep hopeful towards a positive change very soon.

Take care and God bless

Jeannette Little

