



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done everyone you managed to complete the first full week of remote learning. Just a quick couple of updates from school before the weekend begins. Apparently, we can now only have 100 users on Google Meet which is why we had to hastily change our Awards Assembly.

The Trust has updated our Risk Assessments a process which we now complete weekly. It has been agreed that Nursery will open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January for children of critical workers only. This is in line with the rest of the school.

We are also able to reopen Breakfast AND After School Clubs now that staff isolation periods have been completed. If you wish to book a place please use the ParentPay method for this. We need to know in advance so that we can staff accordingly.

As stated in Government guidance, during this period of national lockdown, schools and colleges should only allow vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend school.

The government has stated that schools have not suddenly become unsafe but limiting the number of children and students who attend them is essential to curb the escalating cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the country and prevent the NHS from being overwhelmed.

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.**

As has always been the case throughout the fight against COVID, the safety of our pupils and staff is our first priority and we feel that we have always done, and continue to do, everything possible to prevent the spread and reduce transmission between homes and families. The number of pupils currently attending school is concerning and we would ask you to be responsible and, if it is at all possible, to try and find an alternative that would be safer for yourself and your child.

Please also consider the following in line with government advice:

- Can you work from home?
- Can you find alternative times to work outside of the school day?
- Do you have other family members who are not in a vulnerable category and can care for your child which will support social distancing for children?
- Do you need childcare everyday? Only use the provision when you really need to.

Kindest Regards,

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*Working together to be the best we can*

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