



Aberford Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Critical Workers January 2021

Thank you all for your patience and understanding over the last few days whilst we worked through all the applications for critical worker places and put into place a plan to be able to support children in school whilst also providing remote learning for children who remain at home. We have now verified places for all children requiring them and have had shift patterns confirmed by families, enabling us to group the children in school in safe numbers.

We have grouped the children by age, keeping children from class 1 and 2 together and children from class 3 and 4 together. They will be supervised by teachers and teaching assistants in school on a rota basis, as all adults are also responsible for managing a section of the remote learning and have time allocated to do this. Learning in school will mirror the learning set for children at home and we will endeavour to keep children, both at home and in school, learning at the same pace so that they will have all completed the same tasks once they come back together in school.

If your child is attending school on a part time basis due to your shift patterns, please access the remote learning on the days your child is not in school via the weekly timetable on the school website:

<https://www.aberfordprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning>

Class teachers and/or non-teaching staff will get in touch daily to home learners via Dojo and will be registering children between 9:00am and 9:30am. To make this process smoother in school, please do the following:

- At 9:00am, go to the stories page on your Dojo app or the website
- Look for the morning registration post or video for your class
- In the comments box, type a short message to register

Only use the private messaging for any questions about learning or general messages to the staff – not for registration. Please do not also rely on just 'liking' the post as proof of registration without an accompanying comment.

PE in school will continue and children should come to school in PE kit on the days they have PE. These are:

Class 1 **and** 2 - Tuesdays **and** Thursdays

Class 3 **and** 4 - Mondays **and** Fridays



On non-PE days, children should come to school in normal uniform, but may continue to wear extra layers as required, just as we were doing before the Christmas break.

With fewer children in school at the moment, we do not need to stagger the arrival and departure times as much as we have been doing and so propose to return to:

- 8:45 – 9:00 drop off for all
- 3:15 pick up for all

whilst we are in this period of lockdown. We may need to return to a staggered system when schools are once again opened more widely. Please continue to drop off and pick up at the gate and maintain social distancing and the one-way system where appropriate.

Cooked dinners will continue in school but the menu may vary from the usual pattern as food had already been ordered for the full school numbers prior to lockdown being announced.

Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate how difficult and frustrating it is to be in this situation again, juggling working life, family life and remote learning on the days you need to. It is a situation none of us wanted or expected but one which we will all get through once again, with the support of each other.

We look forward to being able to welcome all of our children back into school as soon as we are able and until then, we will all continue to play our part in battling this virus.

Kind regards,

Mrs Crossley