

Monday 04 January 2021



Update Letter

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe & well, Happy New Year to you all. I do hope this year will be much less challenging. Although it does not feel that way now. In fact, it feels incredibly challenging and will be for the next few weeks.

As many of you may have seen the teaching trade unions and support staff trade unions are actively encouraging their members to write to their Headteachers and explain that they feel unsafe attending school and are not willing to do so until SAGE guidance deems it safe.

At the time of writing, 18 staff have written letters to me to say they feel unsafe at school and are unwilling to come in to teach full class groups, until further SAGE guidance is produced. They will come in and teach children of key workers and those who are vulnerable.

Previously all children who have an EHCP were classed as vulnerable, this has now changed, as a school we have agreed that our school criteria for vulnerable is those children with social workers and those on Free School Meals.

As a result, from tomorrow only pupils listed below will be offered access to onsite education.

- Both parents are critical workers, (one parent if a single parent family)
- Children who are in receipt of free school meals
- Children who have a social worker

All other pupils will receive remote education and will be contacted by their child's class teacher to discuss and agree a home learning package.

A text message will be sent out this afternoon to confirm if your child is being offered onsite learning.

If your child is learning from home, please could you contact your Passenger Assistant and inform them that they will not be accessing school until further notice.

Parents of children who are not receiving onsite learning and think their child should as they are critical workers or meet the vulnerable criteria please get in touch with the school office.

Parents who believe they are critical workers will need to provide letters or emails from their employers verifying why they are classed as a critical worker.

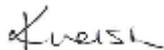
I understand how confusing and upsetting this all is, but the situation is constantly changing and new challenges appearing daily.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

I will be in touch with further information later in the week.

Kindest regards,

Keep Safe 



Mr Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

