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Dear Parents/Carers,

As one of the parents emailed me last night: *'here we go again!'*

In-School Provision for Identified Children

Today we have just over 100 children in school who are currently working in small groups with their class teacher and teaching assistant. As I said yesterday, we have taken on trust those who have self-identified as critical workers but we now need to ask all parents to complete the linked Microsoft Form if they wish to register their child for a space at school during the national lockdown. The form can be found here: [Microsoft Form](#)

Before identifying as a 'critical worker' please ensure you have read the updated definitions on our school website under [Provision for Identified Children](#).

The plan is that those children in school will be grouped by year group, i.e. both Year 3 classes together and these will be taught by one of the class teachers and supported by the relevant teaching assistants. It is important to us to maintain as much consistency as possible for the children who are eligible to come into school. This means that we will be endeavouring to keep the structure that the children are used to, i.e. phonics, English, maths, topic lessons.

With that in mind we would prefer that, where children are eligible, that they are in for the week. This would ensure consistency across the week as we teach in week-long units and I feel would be a better routine for the children. Obviously, if you have strong feelings against this, it is entirely your decision but we would encourage full-time attendance.

Bridge Bees BASC will continue to run between 7.30am and 6pm and bookings can be made as usual on ParentMail.

Remote Learning

As I wrote last night, children are asked to complete the work set by class teachers on the Oak Academy website, details of which can be found on the [Remote Educational Provision](#) section of our school website.

In line with our Remote Learning Protocols, live lessons for Year 2 children upwards will start from next week. Pre-recorded videos from teaching staff will also be provided by Year R and Year 1 children. Tomorrow I will be writing to you with more information about our provision from next week.

If you would like additional opportunities for work then please also keep an eye on our [Web Links](#) and [Virtual Trips](#) pages on our website for additional activities, which we are continually updating.

In the meantime, it is important to assess if there are any of our families who may struggle with accessing the remote learning and I would also ask these families to complete the linked [Microsoft Form](#) to indicate if they require any support, i.e. needing to borrow a laptop or collect an exercise book for paper working.



I will continue to keep our school website up to date so please regularly check the [Coronavirus News](#) section as it is designed to be a one-stop shop for all information that you will need.

In the meantime please can I ask all parents to complete the linked [Microsoft Form](#).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

James Tibbles
Headteacher