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Dear Parent

I am writing to inform you that school will re-open to our nursery children, vulnerable children and children of key workers from tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January. If you have booked a place for your child for tomorrow, then we will be expecting them. All other children will be able to access home learning from Thursday 7th January.

As I'm sure you understand, we are still putting plans in place after the announcement of a national lock down yesterday evening. Over the next few days, I am sure that things will become clearer. Below, is what we know so far.

Nursery

Our Nursery provision will be open as normal from tomorrow. Our nursery children will be entitled to the hours that they usually have. We will not be able to offer any additional hours at this time, even to parents that are key workers.

School Times

As there will be fewer children accessing the site, there will be no need for a staggered start or end time. School will start at 9am and finish at 3.30pm.

Both the Lavenham Road gate and the gate onto the Key Stage 1 playground will be open as usual. Nursery and Reception children will access school in the usual way. Year 1 and 2 children will be met on the Key Stage 1 playground and shown which classroom they will be in. Year 3 children will be in Mrs. Forman's class and Year 4 in Mrs. Stanforth's class. Both classes can be accessed from the Key Stage 2 playground. Year 5 and 6 will access school through the tunnel door on the Key Stage 2 playground.

Breakfast and After School Club

At the moment of writing, government guidance states that we can continue to have our childcare provision. If you have booked your child into breakfast or after school club this week, then their place is secure. As usual, you can book places through Parent Pay. Whilst in our childcare provision the children will be in two bubbles, a nursery, reception and key stage 1 bubble and a key stage 2 bubble.

The School Day

As much as possible the school day will remain the same. It is our intention to offer a full curriculum to all that attend. The children will be organised in year group bubbles, so may not be in their own class or with their own class teacher.

There is an expectation for all children that attend to wear school uniform.

Key Workers

Your child is able to attend school if you are a full time or part time key worker. Please click on the link for the updated list of key worker positions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are a key worker and would like your child to attend school, there is an expectation that they attend full-time. This is in line with government guidance and our Trust policy. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason other than illness, then a leave of absence will be granted.

If you do not take up a place now, but circumstances change, you may be able to take up a place later on in the term, as long as you meet the key worker criteria.

School Meals

If you have booked a school meal for your child this week, then we will be able to provide this. At the moment of writing, we are waiting for information regarding what our lunch provision will be over the rest of the half term.

Home Learning

This will take place via Class Dojo. Lessons will be posted each day and work uploaded will be marked and feedback given. If you do not yet have access to Class Dojo, please inform the school office.

I understand that this is a very difficult and uncertain time for everyone. We want to do everything that we possibly can to support you, whether you are having to home school or are a key worker. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries. Over the next few days I will keep you informed of all new developments.

Thank you once again for all that you are doing and for your on-going support.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett