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Newsletter 11th January 2021

Dear Parents,

This should be my welcome back newsletter where I wish you all a Happy New Year however, I write to inform you that school will remain closed to most pupils and will only open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers until 15th February, as we enter yet another National lockdown.

The latest guidance I have been asked to share with you is **IF YOU DON'T NEED US THEN PLEASE DON'T USE US!** If there's someone at home to look after your child then you shouldn't be sending them. Staff need to be protected too! We need to see evidence that you are a critical worker –sorry!

The children will be sat facing the front and will be spaced out as much as possible. They will be encouraged not to touch one another and the adults will be keeping a 2m distance as much as they can.

If your child displays any illnesses or symptoms they should STAY AT HOME. We still operate the 48hr rule for sickness.

The uniform rule in school is to be relaxed so that their clothing can be washed daily to stop the spread of the virus. The children can wear jogging bottoms/leggings and a logo t-shirt and logo jumper/hoody.

#### Home Learning

The children in school will be doing the same learning that is being set for home learning. The learning will be uploaded daily onto the website on your child's class page where they can complete the work in their home learning book that was sent home on Monday then send it to their class teacher via dojo for feedback.

Please ensure that your child is completing the work set and that their book is returned to school with the completed work when we open.

You will be contacted regularly to see how you're getting on.

#### Reading Books

If your child requires a reading book please let your child's teacher know by messaging them on dojo. When the book needs changing please return the book in the box situated in the entrance to school so it can be quarantined. A new book will be available to collect from your child's class box which is also available in the entrance to school.

#### School Lunches

The children who are eligible for the universal free school meals (reception, Y1 and Y2) will receive a packed lunch prepared in our kitchen unless parents wish to provide their child with a lunch from home. Free School Meal children will also receive a packed lunch provided by school. Please may I ask that all other children bring a packed lunch from home.

The vouchers supplied by the government are hoping to be up and running soon but until they are, Lancashire County Council are providing food parcels which will be available to collect from the school entrance on Tuesday 12th January from 12pm. These parcels contain 1 week's worth of food for each child. 1 bag = 1 child so please take 1 bag for each child in your family. These food parcels will be in carrier bags so please be aware they may be heavy!

From Wednesday the children on free school meals must provide their own packed lunch. You will be kept informed for next weeks plans.

Please continue to keep safe and use the HANDS SPACE FACE rules. Anyone breaching COVID rules shall be withdrawn immediately from being allowed into school.

Please get in touch if we can assist you in any way. Take care