

‘Living, Loving, Learning’

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Dear Parents/Carers

After yesterday’s announcement by the Government, we now need to quickly make plans for the coming weeks. As yet, we have received little updated guidance from the Government and you were told of the second lockdown at exactly the same time as ourselves. The announcement follows the concerns regarding the spread of a newer, more contagious strain of COVID within the country.

You will be aware that the school is now only open to vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers. As was the case during the initial lockdown, we are now asking you to inform us if your child falls into either of these groups **and** requires a place in school. The decision as to whether to send your child in rests with you and you will not be punished if you decide to keep your child at home due to any worries you may have, or if you are able to access other childcare.

A text will shortly be sent out with a link explaining what groups are classed as ‘critical workers’. If you require a place, please reply to this message with your child’s name, class and the nature of your work. We need this information asap so that we can draw up our lists and make arrangements. **Please reply by 12 o’clock lunchtime.**

Teachers are busy setting work on our remote platforms of Twitter and Purple Mash. You should have the details of log in, but if you don’t, teachers will be able to help. As of last time, it will be impossible to print off 430 work packs, so please try to access the online learning and only contact us if you are unable to do this.

In terms of Free School Meals, we are yet to be told exactly how this will work this time, but please rest assured that we will organise this as quickly as possible so that nobody loses out.

Once again, we thank you for your support. On Sunday, teaching unions were saying that teachers had a right to work from home if they request. All of our teachers decided that they wanted to come into school for the benefit of the children, so we thought that things would be as per usual. How wrong we were.

Take care of yourselves and your families and we will be in touch as soon as we have further information.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liam Daniels".

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