

December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Academy Closure: Covid-19

Following government announcements and publication of the 'delayed reopening of some schools' we remain closed until further government directive. This will enable us to take preventative steps to protect our community against the spread of COVID-19.

However, we stress that the education and welfare of our children is paramount and this will remain our top priority. In this spirit, we will continue to provide blended learning for our children and remain partially open to children of Critical Workers and those deemed most vulnerable. Nevertheless, the scientific advice is clear, if your children can stay safely at home, they should and we will only remain open for those children who absolutely need to attend, ensuring as little movement in our community as possible - including the staff.

If you are a critical worker and meet the full criteria for on-site provision please make your intentions clear to help us plan by contacting General Enquires ahead of our return: FAO Mrs Nicholls. Please refer to the definitions below for critical workers. You will be expected to provide evidence that you are a critical worker on your child's first day of attendance. Children are to arrive on 4th January (in uniform, with a water bottle and snack) at 8:45am at the side gate. Please adhere to social distancing during pick up and drop off and wear a face covering, unless you are exempt.

We will be contacting parent/carers of children classified by the DFE as vulnerable, to arrange personalised provision.

For children receiving blended learning, this will be via our online platforms, DB Primary with LIVE elements via MS TEAMS. The weekly planner and communication will be available on the year group community page on Monday morning. Live teaching will commence from the afternoon. For those in the Early Years, Tapestry will be the primary source of communication.

Can we take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to our parents and staff for their unstinting support as we respond to this evolving situation. We urge you to continue to adhere to Government guidance about the coronavirus to support the welfare of our community.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E. Nicholls
Principal

Definition of 'Critical workers'

Critical workers are those who work in:

1. Health and social care
2. Education and childcare
3. Key public services and front line services
4. Local and national government
5. Food and necessary goods
6. Public safety and national security
7. Transport

Contact: General Enquiries: FAO Mss Nicholls

1. Full name of child
2. Year group
3. Evidence of meeting the criteria above (e.g. letter from employer/work ID)