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Dear Parents/Carers,

Information for key worker and vulnerable children.

School will open from Wednesday 6th January to all key worker and vulnerable. If you have been in contact with school regarding a place, please read the following information carefully.

Please remember that although school is open to critical workers, we are trying to limit the number of children in due to the lockdown, and to minimise risks of the virus spreading.

School should be a last resort and if there is an alternative support or childcare bubble this should be considered for learning to continue at home, via home learning that will be provided by staff.

If you have **NOT** spoken to school regarding a place, please ensure you make contact before bringing them to school as staffing has been organised around the current numbers we have.

Where children attend, they **MUST ATTEND** full – time unless poorly.

Please read the following information carefully as there have been some changes regarding drop off and collection of your children tomorrow, in order to reduce and minimise risk of transmission in school.

School day: 8.45am – 3.00pm

- Children will attend school in their normal school uniform.
- PE days will remain the same so on these days children will wear their PE kit all day.
- As of tomorrow, we will be implementing a one – way system to reduce the number of people on the playground and avoid large groups of people standing together.
- All children will enter school via the gates on St Andrew's View.
- Doors will be opened for your children to enter from 8.35am for an 8.45am start.
- When collecting/dropping children off on the playground, there will be an expectation that masks/face shields are worn.
- Where masks or face shields are **NOT WORN**, a member of staff will support with drop off or collection.
- Parents **WILL NOT** be allowed on the premises without a mask or shield, unless exempt, for the safety of others.
- At the end of the day, gates will be opened at 3.00pm for parents to collect.
- Again, entrance to the playground will be on St Andrew's to ensure a constant flow and a one – way system.
- Children will exit the playground on the Perth Street side of the playground.
- If families wish to speak to their child/children's class teacher this can be done via Class Dojo and a telephone conversation can be arranged.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, a meal will be provided for your child unless you send them in with their own.

It is important your child is on time to school every day, gates are open from 8.35am so there is plenty of time for your children to get in.

Gates will be open until 8.55am. Where children are late this can disrupt learning for others and your child misses key information.

Children's belongings:

There were a significant number of children also not bringing in the correct equipment for school each day and this meant things were being dropped off at the front office e.g. book bags, pencil cases, water bottles, homework.

Where things have been forgotten, this cannot be taken by the office staff unless it is an absolute necessity such as dinner. If a child is entitled to Free School Meals and forgets their lunch this can be provided for them. Staff will always ensure the children have what they need in class. Please ensure they have the right things ready for school to avoid this happening. Children can also take responsibility by getting things ready the night before.

Symptoms:

- If your child is displaying symptoms, you **MUST** keep your child and any siblings off school and request a test.
- If a test result is positive, the child and family members **MUST** isolate for 10 days
- If the test is negative, they can return to school.

It is important we work together and if your child is unwell, they remain off school as the virus can spread quite rapidly.

Where staff feel a child is unwell, parents will be contacted for the child to return home.

These are very difficult and uncertain times and it is important we all follow the government guidelines of 'HANDS, FACE, SPACE' to reduce and minimise risks. Please remember the importance of social distancing and hand washing at all times.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and for your adaptations and engagement last term and hope this continues in the New Year.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

H Weston

Mrs H Weston

Head teacher