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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Update and critical worker school sign up for Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your understanding and kind comments over the last few days. We are all having to adapt to change extremely quickly. I know how hard the staff team have worked to put things in place for in school learning for critical worker and vulnerable children while also switching to remote learning for everyone else.

Following the [Prime Minister's announcement on 4 January 2021](#), only children of critical workers and vulnerable children and young people should attend school or college. All other pupils and students will receive remote education.

Only families who are able to prove that a parent is a key worker based on the government's list will be allocated a place at critical worker school. Based on the information you provide on the sign-up form, we may ring you to clarify your role and employment. Click on the link below for the full list for critical workers.

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

The key message now is to **stay at home**.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be making a few changes to the way we run the critical worker school provision.

- **The children will now form a year group bubble.** The group size will be no larger than 15 children. With reduced numbers, children have more space at their own table. The year group bubble will be consistent from now until half term. If needed and subject to staff availability, we can use both classrooms to reduce groups sizes even more.
- As a critical worker parent, **you do not have to sign up for critical worker school every day.** For example, if you only work part time or work certain shifts, your child can come when you are working but not when you are at home. However, **your child will need to spend the whole day in school.**
- Ideally, we would like children with an EHCP and children with a social worker / family engagement worker to be in school every day.
- One of the teachers in the year group will do a week of face to face critical worker school while the other teacher will lead remote learning. They will swap over for the second week.
- All the safety and control measures we have in school will still apply during critical worker school and cleaning will still have the highest priority.
- Children should wear school uniform, except for their usual PE days.
- Please continue to wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up, if you are able to do so.

- The start times will still be staggered – the entry and exit times and doors for each new year group bubble are below. **These will be from MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - Year R Mrs Ditchfield / Miss Matthews **8.30am-3.00pm RD class door**
  - Year 1 Miss Barry / Miss Braggins **8.40am-3.10pm KS1 library door\***
  - Year 2 Mrs Sullivan/ Miss Wicheard **8.30am-3.00pm KS1 library door\***
  - Year 3 Miss Knocker / Miss Scriven **8.40am-3.10pm current Y3 door**
  - Year 4 Mr May / Mrs Clayton / Miss Watkins **8.40am-3.10pm 4MC class door**
  - Year 5 Miss Strange/ Miss Wright **8.30am-3.00pm current Y5 door**
  - Year 6 Mr Precious/ Miss Stephenson **8.40am- 3.10pm 6P class door**

\*The **KS1 library door** is the one 1BA and 2W currently use off KS1 playground.

- Due to reduced numbers, the **only gate that will be open is Peartree Road Gate**. Oakley John walk gate and the blue gate by the main car park will be closed. **The one-way system coming in over the KS1 bark area will still be used and the one-way system going up the steps by Year R. The ramp will still be two way for buggies.**

**Breakfast club** – You can sign up for breakfast club on the sign-up form and the usual charges will apply. Children will be seated near children in their bubble and bubbles will not mix. **Entry is from 7.30am via the main office.**

**After School Club-** you will know that sadly Musketeers are not able to run at the moment. We know how important after school provision is for critical working families, so we are looking to see what the demand would be and whether this is something the school could feasibly do while Musketeers is not running. **Please indicate on the sign-up form what days you would need after school provision. If we are able to do this, it would be a 5.00pm pick up at the very latest.**

We would have to make a charge for this to cover additional staffing costs but this will be dependent on the number of children using the afterschool provision over a week. The cost would be no more than Musketeers' rates and if more children attend, the rates we would charge could be less. **Please note, if predicted numbers are low, this will not be feasible to do but we will confirm either way by Friday.**

**If we are able to run the club we will use your sign up below as your booking for a place. If you subsequently do not need the place we will still have to charge you.** Children will be with children from their daytime bubble only. Bubbles will continue to be separated throughout after school provision in a similar way to breakfast club.

Rest assured that as soon as they are able to do so, Karen, Lorraine and the team at Musketeers will be back.

**Signing up for critical worker school for the next 2 weeks.** The link below will take you to a sign-up form for critical worker school for week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeL5woG1CSSW-Vs\\_CNPk8tbWXhjNSWFA6CefllihSErUimlQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeL5woG1CSSW-Vs_CNPk8tbWXhjNSWFA6CefllihSErUimlQ/viewform)

### **Covid and Critical worker school**

We will still be strictly following Public Health advice and where a child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19, we may need to ask children and staff to isolate for 10 days. It may be a whole bubble or more than one bubble that need to isolate and move to online learning. This decision would be made in consultation with the DfE and Public Health.

If after submitting the form your shifts or days of working change, please let us know.

Yours sincerely

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