

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for all your swift return of emails today and for all the information you have provided school. This has enabled us to make decisions about allocating key worker places from tomorrow Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

We have had an unprecedented number of families that require places and have allocated 166, which means that school will be pretty full! Your children have been allocated a place. The decision has been made to group children in year group bubbles, these will be taught by two teams of adults on alternate weeks, so that we ensure high quality learning both in school and at home. For the rest of this week both adult teams will be in school and week 1 will start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with week 2 beginning on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

All routines implemented at the beginning of September will continue, please note:

- all Covid restrictions and routines will be maintained (some additional staff have opted to use face coverings)
- staggered starts and finishes (may be slightly different from yesterday's bubbles!)
- older siblings should enter school and be collected with their younger brother and sisters
- RSP will drop off and collect EYFS and KS1 children
- Nursery will still need to provide a packed lunch
- daily timetables will reflect a normal school day (all lessons will be continue as normal)
- learning in school will reflect learning sent home

I have tried to communicate all the information you should need in tabular form to make it as clear and as simple as possible!!

**Learning Bubbles (During January 2021 Lockdown)**

<b><u>Bubble</u></b>	<b><u>Pupils</u></b>	<b><u>Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>TA</u></b>	<b><u>Gate</u></b>	<b><u>Timings</u></b>
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Nursery	13	1. Mrs Harry 2. Miss Peek	1. Mrs Barter 2. Mr Warbrick	EYFS	8.30am 3.00pm
Reception	24	1. Mrs Odell / Marengi 2. Mrs Mason	1. Mrs Curtis 2. Mrs Gray	EYFS	8.40am 3.10pm
1	24	1. Mrs Mitchell / Oldfield 2. Mrs Jennings	1. Mrs Sykes 2. Ms Pickering	KS1 via Front Gate	8.40am 3.10pm
2	19	1. Mrs Merrell 2. Mrs Fahy / Rashud	1. Mrs Fletcher 2. Mrs Bell / Perrie	Front Door via children's Gate	8.40am 3.10pm

3	28	1. Miss Horne 2. Mr Codd	1. Mrs Loizou 2. Mrs Hirst / Riley	Children's Gate	8.50am 3.20pm
4	19	1. Mr Jennings 2. Mrs Green / Barlow		Front Door	8.50am 3.20pm
5	21	1. Mrs Unwin 2. Mrs Evans		Bottom Gate	8.50am 3.20pm
6	19	1. Mr Byrne 2. Miss Richardson		Children's Gate	9.00am 3.30pm

As an important part of our school community, **I would ask that you continue to follow all lockdown rules and encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing at home and maintaining social distancing when out and about.** Please talk to your children about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection.

As per the current NHS and government advice, you should keep your child at home for a period of 10 days if they or another family member develops coronavirus symptoms. Symptoms include a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and / or a loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste. Where symptoms continue after 7 days, or begin to worsen, you should call 111. If someone in your child's household has symptoms, your child must self-isolate for 10 days from the day the other person's symptoms started. This is because it can take 10 days for symptoms to appear. More information regarding symptoms and actions can be found on the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>).

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school on 0161 980 7685 at the earliest opportunity.

### Support for pupils

We do not underestimate how difficult the recent months have been for us all and we all will have been touched in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. We recognise the need to focus on pupils' emotional wellbeing as well as their return to learning. The following support is in place for pupils as they continue to attend school:

- Daily 'Thought for the Day' from Mrs Warren
- Weekly PHSE sessions through the implementation of a new scheme JigSaw <https://www.jigsawpshe.com/>
- 1:1 counselling (socially distanced)
- Referrals to school nursing team and 'Healthy Young Minds'

Once again please do not hesitate to contact the school if you or your children need additional support.

I hope that these arrangements provide you with the information you need to support your child's continued attendance in school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the school over recent months.



In the meantime, stay happy, healthy and safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs Warren  
Headteacher