

Dear parents and carers,

On **30 December 2020** the government announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary education settings are required in certain areas.

**Wormley Church of England Primary School** is in one of these areas due to high transmissions.

As a result, only vulnerable children and children of critical workers will be returning to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Families of vulnerable children will be contacted by staff to offer the children a place in school. If parents are critical workers, they will be able to request a place in school for their child/children via a Google form. In order to drive down infection rates and reduce risk, children should learn from home if it is possible. If only one parent is a critical worker and the other parent is able to care for their children, children should remain at home to learn.

We have much to organise in a short amount of time, so request a prompt reply please.

We are in a good position to keep children learning with Tapestry and the Google Classroom. All parents/children have been taught to log onto Tapestry and the Google classroom and we can continue teaching most of what we had planned this term. All children in Y1-Y6 have maths books and grammar, punctuation and spelling books. We do have some devices that we can share with families (chrome books, iPads etc.) and we will be in touch to explain how these can be collected from school if a device is needed to learn from home. We will base this upon a device survey we conducted last term. We are also able to make up paper packs.

The expectation is that children continue to learn daily from home. Teachers will set learning daily and be available to support children through Tapestry and the Google Classroom. If children are not engaging with learning, staff will be in contact to find out why. Children cannot miss out on their education.

We will compile frequently asked questions (FAQs) on our website for all families to access. This will be continually updated. Please keep checking from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### **WHO IS A CRITICAL WORKER?**

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

#### **Health and social care**

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

#### **Education and childcare**

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

#### **Key public services**

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased

- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

### **Local and national government**

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies

### **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

### **Public safety and national security**

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

### **Transport**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

### **Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- waste disposal sectors

## **WRAP AROUND CARE**

We will be able to offer a limited service of wrap around care as most of our Breakfast and After School Club (BASC) staff are furloughed. Breakfast Club will operate from 8am and finish at 4:30. BASC provision will be in the school's dining area and the entrance is opposite The Community Classroom - as last term. There will be a charge.

## **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

We anticipate being able to offer hot lunches (with a reduced choice) for children in school. Children in receipt of free school meals, who are learning at home, will be entitled to a school meal. Parents/carers will be able to request and collect a packed lunch every day via the Google form.

## **MUSIC LESSONS / ROCKSTEADY**

It is likely that music lessons will move to on-line tuition. Rocksteady will not be coming into school.

As we make further plans, we will add to the FAQs on the website.

Thank you for your support. Please take care and protect yourselves and your families.