



Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your measured response this week. How you responded to the late news on Monday has ensured that a potentially difficult week has been a lot smoother.

Department of Education guidance received yesterday stated that:

“The decision taken by government is about limiting attendance and reducing the number of contacts that all of us have with people in other households. This does not suggest that schools and colleges are no longer safe places which is why they have limited on-site provision to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers”.

This has been our approach throughout the week so thank you for your understanding.

School and Remote Learning

As stated in my letter on Tuesday, the children in school are being taught as usual as their time in school is not childcare. When at home, we will do our best working with you to try and ensure that what is offered at home matches what is being taught in school.

For the younger children this equates to about 3 hours a day and for the older children about 4 hours a day. Teaching staff will communicate with you regularly but please let us know if you have any queries or need equipment such as paper, books, pencils, pens etc. Do not be afraid to ask.

Free School Meals

We have been informed that there will be a national scheme for meal vouchers. This so far has not been set up by the government. Because of the late notice it means those children entitled to FSMs will not get their voucher entitlement for this week. We will take this into account and add this onto next week's vouchers. We will be in touch with you with the information once we have it.

Mrs Tyrer

Following Local Authority instruction Mrs Tyrer is now working from home as she is over 28 weeks pregnant. She is still coordinating remote learning for her class and working closely with Mr Sheppard and her team. Message her through the usual channels for any queries.

School Site

Whilst there are fewer parents on-site at the beginning and end of day it is still a Local Authority request that you wear a face covering and keep your distance from anyone not in your household. Unless you are exempt then please stick to this.

Once again, thank you for everything this week. Keep talking to us and asking questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Atkinson
Headteacher