

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Bishop

30th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further school closure following the Government announcement about lockdown in Leicester

I would like to start this letter by saying thank you for your support and understanding over the last few months as we have worked together to keep our families and communities safe whilst supporting the learning of our children. Whilst we couldn't reopen for all pupils, it has been lovely to see some of the Pre-school, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 children spending some time back at school.

Following the Government announcement last night, we have now been asked to close for all pupils, except for critical keyworkers, due to the rising numbers of COVID in our area and the higher risk to our communities. Therefore, we will be closing our doors to those pupils whose parents are not critical key workers, as per the Government guidelines, from the end of the school day on Wednesday 1st July 2020.

This means that:

- Those children in allocated keyworker bubbles will continue to have a place. However, if you no longer need this place, please contact the school office as soon as possible as we have a waiting list for other pupils of keyworkers.
- The Year 6 children attending this week will have their last day on Wednesday.
- Children who have joined school since our wider reopening in pre-school, EYFS and Year 1 will no longer be able to attend. However, we are aware that there are some parents who are keyworkers in these groups as there was no more room in the relevant Key Worker bubbles. I will be sending a questionnaire out following this letter to clarify if you are a critical keyworker and will need a place at school so we can try and accommodate this.
- Those children in EYFS and Year 1 who are eligible for Free School Meals, will receive a voucher next week. Food hampers will no longer be available.

As before, I politely ask that you remember the following, the provision we will be providing is in place for those children of <u>CRITICAL Keyworkers</u> as per the Government guidelines, and wherever possible children should be kept at home. If you consider yourself to be within this category, we ask that you confirm the following:

- You will be going out to work at all times whilst your child is in childcare
- If anyone in your household shows any symptoms, you will not use this facility

Please remember we have a responsibility to keep our staff safe, therefore:

- If you have any other safe childcare options, you MUST use them
- The childcare we are offering is for your working day only
- We will challenge any abuse of this provision thank you to those who have provided evidence that they are a key worker

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Whilst your child is at home, please continue to support them with their online learning and the activities shared on our website and also keep in touch with school as you were before. Remember to continue to include active times within your school day, calm time and also refer to the activities available to support your child's wellbeing too.

Again, thank you for your support. We will be in touch before the end of term to share our plans for transition for your child. In the meantime, please remember to follow the government advice about social distancing and stay safe and healthy.

Warm regards,

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