



Dear Parents/Carers,

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

I hope that you all managed to have some peace and rest over the Christmas holidays.

As I know you are all aware, the situation regarding the virus has significantly escalated and the debate about how this will be managed has been discussed over recent days and since my last letter on 1<sup>st</sup> January. This evening it has been announced by the Prime Minister, that schools in England, as with schools in other parts of the country, will only be open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers, and lessons for others will revert to remote learning, as was the case back in March.

The government has clearly defined those with critical worker status - here is the link for those of you who need to check whether you are covered <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> If you are a critical worker and do require a place for your child, please let me know via email to [tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk) and also state under which category your employment falls.

Those of you whose children attended during the first lockdown will be familiar with the processes that we had in place at that time. The aim is obviously to cut down contact as much as possible. Should you need critical worker places at school, we ask that your children only attend on the days when you cannot work at home. Some of you will require places every day, but some will only need places on specific days. For tomorrow and Wednesday, Breakfast Club and After School Club will remain available for those critical worker children who need it, but will need to be booked in advance. We will then write with further information going forward.

For children who will be learning from home, our provision will revert to remote learning. Staff will let you know from 11.30 am tomorrow morning the schedule for the day/week and I attach our Remote Learning Parent Document for your information. Please do let me know if you need to borrow equipment as we have a limited number we can lend out.

I have been hearing announcements at the same time as you and so apologise in advance for emailing you so late in the day to confirm arrangements for tomorrow and going forward.

For those families dropping children at school tomorrow, a gentle reminder that masks should be worn by adults coming near school and that if your child shows any of the symptoms of having the virus, including an upset stomach, please do be cautious, keep them at home and seek a test.

We do understand the level of anxiety that exists around returning to school, particularly with the new variant, and appreciate that some families wish to take a cautious approach for a number of reasons.

Kind regards

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