

Happy New Year!

We would like to take the opportunity to apologise for having to close on Tuesday 5th January. It was as much of a shock to us as it was to you that we would enter another period of National Lockdown and only open to the children of Critical Workers, with such little notice. We hoped we would never have to close our doors again to any of our children. We know how hard it was on everybody last time.

I would like to take this opportunity to write about the dedicated professional team I have the privilege to work with. Each member of staff has offered to go over and above their job descriptions and hours – which includes burning the midnight oil to prepare for our children. I would like to thank them for just simply being them.

Currently -

Mrs Brown and Mrs Garraghty are managing the online teaching and the teaching of critical worker reception children together;

Mrs O'Neill is supporting the online learning of year 1 whilst juggling her SENCo role (supported by Mrs Blindell);

Mrs Johnson is supporting the online learning of year 2 and supporting Mrs O'Neill;

Mrs Copsey is in school teaching the children of critical workers in year 1 and 2 (supported by Ms Harwood and Mr Hamilton);

Mrs Anderson is supporting the online learning of year 2 (supported by Mr Hansom);

Miss Andrews is in school teaching the children of critical workers in year 3;

Miss Done is in school teaching the children of critical workers in year 4 (supported by Mrs Rigby, Mrs Moore, Mrs Thripp) whilst juggling her assistant headship role;

Mrs Warman is supporting the online learning of year 3;

Mr Wise is supporting the online learning of year 4;

Mrs Lomers is in school teaching the children of critical workers in year 5 (supported by Mrs Soutar);

Mr Cosgrove is in school teaching the children of critical workers in year 6 (support by Mr Lambert) whilst juggling his assistant headship role;

Mrs Leeks is supporting the online learning of year 6;

Mr Rainey is supporting the online learning of year 5.

There may be times in the week when we blend our two learning groups together.

Other support staff are working from home to deliver emotional support such as Mrs Kerry or dropping into school to support playtimes and lunchtimes such as Mrs Burtenshaw. Breakfast club continues to run for the children of critical workers by Mrs Neal (who then supports in school) and Mrs Jones. There are many more including Mrs Wallis and Miss Hughes who not only ensure the school runs smoothly, which this week has included working at home in the evenings to ensure things are ready; but also support all our needs.

They are all working to full capacity which means we may not reply to communications straightway. Please be reassured they are thinking of our children to ensure they try to meet their needs. If we have missed you,

please bear with us. If you feel we have not provided something that we could have to support you in your home learning, then please let us know.

I am sorry to say - we have lent out all the laptops and iPads we can (this includes the two that the government provided us with). We are currently investigating how we can secure more.

We hope to see you all in person after February half-term – in the meantime, stay safe and well and know we are here to help.

TERM DATES 2020 / 21

Term 3 – Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021

Term 4 – Monday 22nd February 2021 to Wednesday 31st March 2021

Bank Holidays – Friday 2nd April & Monday 5th April 2021

Term 5 – Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021

Bank Holidays – Monday 3rd & Monday 31st May 2021

Term 6 – Monday 7th June 2021 to Tuesday 20th July 2021