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5th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support and patience as we make plans to move to remote learning following the national lockdown announced late last night. I know that going into another lockdown will have challenges for our community in different ways and I wanted to continue to reassure you that as a school, we are here for you all. We have been overwhelmed by all of your positive messages of support both via email and at the school gate today.

Today, we have been working on our plans and this letter is to outline these for you. First of all, thank you for completing the questionnaire that was sent out earlier today. Your speedy response really helped us to plan ahead and to know the number of children entitled to have their education in school. We will communicate more details to those of you requesting free school meal hampers tomorrow. We have set out this letter with two key sections : one for parents whose children are accessing education in school and one for those whose children will be accessing their education remotely.

Children accessing education in school.

When in school, your child will be accessing their education alongside other children in mixed, year group bubbles. Reception will form their own bubble, Year 1 and 2 will form a bubble, Year 3 and 4 a bubble and Year 5 and 6. We will be having the same safety measures as are currently in place, with regular hand washing, additional cleaning, good ventilation and no mixing with other bubbles.

Start and end of the day

Please familiarise yourself with the updated beginning and end of day times for your child and their bubble.

Bubble	Start and end time	Entrance
Reception	8.30am drop off and 2.50pm pick up	<i>Lane gate</i>
Y1 and Y2 children	8.40am drop off and 3pm pick up	<i>Lane gate</i>
Y3 and Y4 children	8.40am drop off and 3pm pick up	<i>Main school gate</i>
Y5 and Y6 children	8.40am drop off and 3pm pick up	<i>Fountain gate</i>



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Uniform and things allowed in school

Children will need to wear full school uniform as normal. Children can also bring their book bag/folder into school as usual. Children can continue to wear their P.E kit to school on their designated P.E days.

School lunches

School lunches can be ordered and paid for in the usual way via School Money. If your child is entitled to universal or benefit-related free school meals, these will be able to be ordered as usual. Children not in these categories will be able to order a school lunch at the cost of £2.45.

Breakfast Club

For those children who are eligible to attend school, Breakfast Club sessions are continuing to operate. Please can you ensure that you book the sessions through School Money using the same process as normal. Children who have pre booked a place and will not be attending school, will have a credit on their account to use at a later date.

Closed Fridays at 12pm from 8th January (this Friday).

In order to deep clean and prepare learning for pupils in school and at home, we must close each Friday at 12pm (starting this Friday) as we did in June last year. We are unable to provide the statutory planning time (PPA) that staff are entitled to during the week because adults cannot safely cover other bubbles.

Children accessing education remotely

Children not attending school will now need to access their learning remotely via the Google Classroom platform or Tapestry from tomorrow onward (6th January 2021). Your child will already have been given their log-in and used this for home learning during the Autumn term. Please read the instructions in the letter entitled 'Google Classrooms Guide' which can be found in this section on our Academy website to re-familiarise yourself with this: <https://ilsham-lap.co.uk/parents/remote-learning/>

Remote learning will begin to be up and running from 9.15am tomorrow morning.

In the Reception class, all remote learning will be uploaded to Tapestry each day.

In Years 1 – 6, we will continue to use Google Classroom as a platform for providing learning as well as some live sessions with the class teachers for weekly check-ins and story time etc.(days and times to follow) The remote learning will consist of English and Reading or Read Write Inc. and Maths set daily, with P.E set twice weekly and Geography/History, Science and RE once a week alongside some of the more creative subjects; this is in line with the learning that takes place in class. Typically, the majority of lessons last for an hour within school. This is because there is



usually rich discussion in pairs or as a whole class. As children will not be amongst their peers, the lessons will take less time with the expectation that your child spends around three hours on their learning, each day.

When completing lessons, your child will have access to any of the Google programmes within the Classroom to record on or they may record on paper and a photograph can be uploaded to the assignment for their teacher to see. All learning must be submitted for marking and feedback by 3pm (12pm on Fridays) on the date it has been set. Teachers need time to mark and assess each child's learning in order to feedback (where appropriate) and plan for the following day. Our main focus is that children do not miss out on any learning. It is a legal requirement that all children engage with their learning during this time. Where children are not completing learning, we will be contacting home to discuss any problems that you may be encountering. If you are experiencing any difficulty accessing the Classroom, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you are unable to access the online learning platform, then please contact the office who will ensure that paper packs are available regularly for collection. A time will need to be arranged to ensure we can have everything ready for you to collect.

Information for all parents

As we enter this new lockdown, we thought it would be helpful to remind families of some staying safe messages that we have shared with you before.

Staying safe online

Some key things to remember are:

1. Ensure passwords are strong and not shared.
2. Never share any personal information online (this includes name, address, school etc)
3. Keep electronic devices out of bedrooms so that you are able to monitor what your child is doing.
4. Make sure that 'parental controls' are in place to block any unsuitable material.
5. Explain the importance of 'keeping safe online' to your child. This is a link to the NSPCC website that offers clear advice that supports parents to monitor their child's safety online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Staying connected and looking after our mental health.

We know having to now stay in, changes that some of you may be having with work or finances and wider impact of the COVID pandemic, can really impact on mental health. One of the ways to support this is to check in with each other and stay connected even if we can't be physically seeing each other each day. We are hoping to be able to plan some ways to connect together with parents in fun and creative ways. Next week, we will be sharing with you how we will continue to connect and communicate to you and your child/children during this national lockdown.



And finally....thank you. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in all that we are trying to achieve. Thank you for your kindness and understanding as we continually adapt to give your child the very best education we can.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there are any queries or questions you have.

My very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D.A. Ryan".

Dawn Ryan

(Head of Academy)