

Friday 8th January

Dear Parents and Carers

Many, many thanks for all your support and understanding in what has been an incredibly difficult week for us all. I was extremely shocked by the news we received on Monday of the immediate third National Lockdown. For myself, the staff, the children and you as adults it really has been a week to become a 'try new things bear'. I know things have not been perfect, or what we would all have hoped but I can honestly say we have all tried 'to be the best we can be'.



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I would like to apologise for the late arrival on Monday evening of the letter letting you know we were open to vulnerable and Key Worker children. Unfortunately, the system crashed so it took an extremely long time for all the emails to be sent. (I did blame my son who was using the Wi-Fi to play his Xbox at the time, but for once it was not his fault!!)

Thank you for all the time you have spent completing our online survey and sending in the necessary accompanying information. We have followed Government and Local Authority requests to keep the number of children in school to a minimum in order to reduce the risk of spreading the infection in our local area. Consequently, we have put thresholds in place to ensure we keep our level of risk to a minimum for our children, families and staff. Our school community really appreciates all of your support in achieving this. As a school we will work hard to deliver quality learning for all and help the children and you with any difficulties that arise.

Operating under increased COVID restrictions has meant that as a school we are now working with reduced staffing levels. However due to the flexibility and commitment of our staff team we have begun to deliver a blend of school and online learning for our children this week. All the children will be completing the same work, regardless of whether they are in school or at home. Despite a few technical issues at the beginning I am very proud of what the staff team and children at home and school have achieved in the first few days. We hope you are enjoying the live lessons and have been able to access the learning activities. If you have any difficulties or concerns, please contact your class teacher or myself who will only be too happy to help.

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Headteacher

