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Home learning update and Critical Worker update

Dear parent / Guardian,

Happy New Year! 2021 has certainly started with a bang.

The children came into school yesterday really well, full of enthusiasm and keen to learn, looking forward to the new term. Then last night we had the press conference from the Prime Minister where he announced that schools would be closing from today. We have spent the day trying to get clarification and more detail from the Government much of which we are still waiting on.

We are still understaffed in the school office and many staff will be teaching the key worker children or working from home so please be patient if you contact the school.

Remote Learning

The school will be closed for the majority of children until after February half term.

The teachers will be providing remote learning resources which can be found on the school website. Teachers will produce a short video each day for the children. The teachers will send an email out to the parents of children in their class explaining their remote learning. You can contact teachers through their class email. If your children can not do their work online, we are providing an exercise book for them to write in, this can be collected from the school entrance area.

We understand that remote learning can be challenging and for some parents the availability of technology may be an issue. Please do your best – that is all we can ask of each other.

Nursery children

The Government did say that nurseries should stay open. The nursery will be opening tomorrow, Mrs King has already contacted nursery parents.

Critical workers

The school will be open to children of critical workers when you absolutely need the facility. The reason for the lockdown is to reduce large numbers congregating so we are keen to keep the numbers as low as possible.

At the end of this letter is a list of occupations that come under critical workers. So that we can make the appropriate plans, you will need to email the school (office@springhead.staffs.sch.uk) by **midnight tonight** if you are critical workers and need to bring your children into school. Thank you to everyone that has already emailed us, you are able to attend tomorrow.

We will be putting the children into two bubbles – each of which will stay together as a constant group. All children will be starting school at 8.55am (the children can arrive from 8.45am) and school will finish at 3.10pm. We will require the children to wear school uniform and for the older children to bring their P.E. kits



in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tomorrow, the children will enter the school via their normal classroom doors. We will be providing school dinners if required but not break time snack. Please bring in your own healthy snack if they require it.

Care Club

The care club will continue to run – but it will open from 8.00am and close at 5.30pm. Please email the school office to book a place.

Obviously, children should not be coming to school if they are feeling unwell and should get a Covid-19 test if necessary.

I appreciate your patience as we continue to plan over the next few weeks.

Kind regards,



B. Anderson
Headteacher

Critical workers

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes: childcare

- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:



- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)



- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

