



6th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Spring Information Letter 4

Firstly, many thanks for all of the wonderful work that has been posted on Seesaw today. A very good start to the term!

Provision for Key Workers

Whilst we are delighted to be able to offer provision for the children of critical workers. Reduced staffing levels means that we will have a smaller amount of teachers and support staff in daily. I was surprised with huge uptake compared with other schools and have been involved in discussions with governors today regarding the safety of both staff and pupils.

To put this into context for this lockdown we have seen a dramatic increase in the take up of places with 87 requests from a total of 185 on roll. Add to this the staff required on any one day we have approximately 100 people in school. With additional risk from parents / carers on site at the beginning and end of the day against an infection rate of 1:50, governors are concerned it has become a case of when, not if in-school teaching is compromised.

Our staff are working at full capacity to accommodate these numbers, including our wrap around care staff having to work during the school day. There is limited ability to bring in additional cover so the need to be safe is essential to avoid bubble closures.

As a result of the discussions with governors earlier, we would urge parents only to take up a space if they have no alternative. Otherwise, we are at risk of not being able to guarantee all of the critical worker children requests for a place.

Home Learning

The staff are undertaking further Seesaw training this evening, on the use of more tools that can be used. So listen out for your teacher's voice and look out for videos too. The staff are responding to feedback daily, as they are keen to know what is working well. Please be aware that if a staff member is teaching all day there might be a delay in their response to you.

As ever, both the teachers and teaching assistants are going above and beyond to offer the best possible provision for our pupils.

Please stay safe and look after yourselves.

Kind regards

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher