

5th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers of Nursery and Reception,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for working with us today during this first day of the national lockdown. We were first made aware of the closure at the same time as the public announcement and therefore whilst things may not have been perfect today, we have worked hard overnight to establish remote learning and onsite education for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children.

I would now like to provide you with additional information in relation to next few weeks.

Nursery Provision

When the announcement was made last night that nurseries would remain open it was unclear that this meant private nursery provision. It did not include school based nursery classes. If we have the capacity to open the nursery then we are able to do this in the longer term. At present, we have capacity to open the nursery class to **vulnerable children and the children of critical workers only**. We will keep this position under review and inform you if we reach a point where we can offer the provision to more children.

Critical Worker & Vulnerable Children

The booking system went live last night immediately after the announcement. We have seen a significant increase in the number of parents requesting places.

Children attending the provision should be booked in using the form or by contacting the academy. If we are expecting your child and the child does not arrive at 8.45am (Nursery) or 8.50am (Reception) for the morning session or 12.30pm (Nursery) or 1pm (Reception) for the afternoon session, we will contact you to resolve the absence.

Children should continue to attend in uniform. They should also wear warm layers as windows in school will be open to provide through ventilation.

Please be aware that children will work in new bubbles for the duration of the provision. Once their class fully returns after the lockdown, they will return to their original class bubbles.

The children in school will access the same online teaching as those who are being educated remotely. Depending on the circumstances this may be that they are being taught in school by the teacher (which is then being broadcast to those at home) or they are being educated through the broadcast in school which is supervised by support staff. Either way, there will be no difference between the learning offer and all children will be engaging in learning planned, delivered and assessed by a member of the teaching staff.

For the duration of this lockdown, start and finish times for drop off and pick up will return to the original times of 8.50am to 3.15pm. Children will need to be dropped off and collected from their usual classroom door. Please be mindful of social distancing and please wear a mask at all times on school site.

Should there be confirmation of a positive COVID case within the bubble the contact tracing that we currently engage in will be in action and this may result in the isolation of identified children. At this point any children who have been in school but who have to isolate will engage in remote learning for their period of isolation.

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Remote Learning

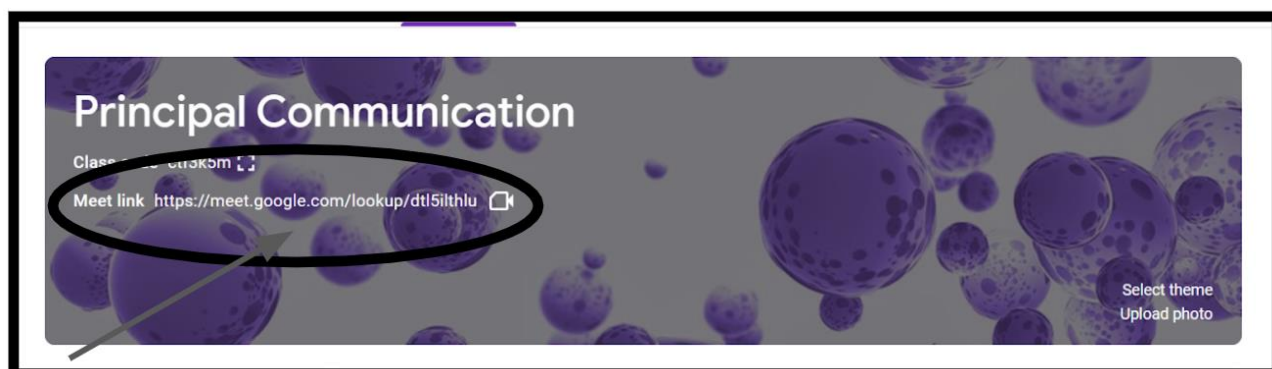
All children will access remote learning through the google classroom. All children know how to access this and you should have login details. If you do not have access, please contact the academy as soon as possible.

All children will be expected to engage in the learning. Where work is not submitted as expected, we will contact you to discuss further. If there are things that we can do to support your child accessing learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will be providing a number of live lessons throughout the day. It would be beneficial for your child to attend these but if you are unable to do so, please do not feel pressured - we understand that every household will have their own challenges.

Each school day will begin at 9am with live registration and discussion and will then be followed by lessons. There will also be live interactions at the start and end of the afternoon.

The live sessions can be accessed through the Google classroom. Your child simply needs to click on the classroom GoogleMeet link.



The daily timetable is:

Nursery Timetable	Reception Timetable
9.00 Live Registration / Maths	9.00 Live Registration and welcome
9.20 Learning through play	9.15 RWI
10.20 Phonics	9.30 Learning through play
10.40 Learning through play (see website)	10.15 Literacy
11.20 Storytime / Songs	10.35 Learning through play
	11.15 Maths
	12.00 Lunch
Afternoon session	1.00 Live Registration / Story
1.00 Live Registration / Maths	1.15 Topic
1.20 Learning through play	1.40 Learning through play
2.00 Phonics	3.00 Review
2.20 Learning through play (see website)	
2.50 Storytime / Songs	

During live sessions your child will be able to share their work with their teacher.

Free School Meals

Grab bags are available for any children who are eligible for free school meals but are not attending as part of the critical worker and vulnerable children provision. Please contact the school to arrange to pick these up.

Over the next few days we will move to having a hamper available for these families rather than a daily collection. More information will be shared as we make the arrangements.

Again, thank you for your patience. We are doing all that we can to respond to this new situation as quickly as possible. We are often working through the details at the same time as public announcements are being made and therefore we do not always have immediate answers. We are in this together and we will do everything we can to support you and your children at this key time. Be kind to each other and stay safe.

Please do contact us if there is anything you wish to discuss further.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Skirrow

Principal

