



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware yesterday the government announced that in order to help contain the transmission of Covid 19 and reduce the R number some primary schools in areas with high numbers of infections, including Medway will remain closed. These restrictions will be in place from 4th January and the government will review the situation again by 18th January.

Twydall primary school will be closed to the majority of children.

Free School Meals

We will be supplying Tesco vouchers for eligible pupils. Further details will follow Monday.

Vulnerable children and children of critical workers

The school site will be open to a small number of vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Due to the high rates of infection in Medway please only access this if it is absolutely necessary. For critical workers this may mean that your child only attends on the days you have to go out to work.

Vulnerable children are expected to attend full-time on-site provision where it is appropriate for them to do so. They include those assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child, have an education, health and care (EHC) plan, or have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services).

The list of critical workers is very similar to the one used during the initial lockdown in March and only applies to those parents/carers who cannot work from home (in line with Tier 4 restrictions) and whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response. Please respond to the parent mail as quickly as possible, but absolutely before 11 am on Saturday 2nd of January 2021.

Children attending school will be supervised by HTLAs and Teaching Assistants and will be able to access the remote learning provided by teachers. These children will need to arrive via the canopy door at

which will be opened **at 8:30 am**. Collection will also be via the canopy door **at 3pm** Monday to Friday. There will be a DSL on-site.

Children should attend wearing their usual school uniform, however they may wish to wear or bring additional layers of warm clothing, as we will need to keep the classrooms highly ventilated and they must bring a packed lunch as we will be unable to provide food on site.

It remains the case that no-one should attend school if they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household or contact with a positive case. If children are eligible for testing please do ensure that tests are completed.

On Monday 4th January and Tuesday 5th January Mr Brackley has devised an art project which will be posted on Teams and Tapestry. This term we are studying the work of the architect Frank Gehry. The project requires the pupils to design/draw/paint or create a model of a fantastic building using Frank Gehry as an inspiration.

From Wednesday 6th January we will be providing remote learning for all pupils via Tapestry and Teams. There will be registration and assemblies (Via Zoom for the Lower school) details will be sent out on Monday. Work will be also available on the website and please continue to check our Facebook page for activities and stories.

Please do respond as promptly as possible to the 2 survey monkeys which will be sent out to all parents and carers regarding access to laptops and wifi dongles and the second one regarding Key Worker provision as promptly as possible so that we can organise distribution and groups in school. I am sure you appreciate that the school office and school staff will be incredibly busy over the coming days, so we appreciate your patience and consideration at this time.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time. We are all trying our very best. I hope that 2021 is a much kinder year.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Logan