

8th Jan 2021

School Closure Update 2021 – part-time requests:

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience in working with us while we have moved into our new way of working.

The demand for places was overwhelming and while our first priority is to keep people safe, we also want to be able to support as many of our families who need us most as possible.

Large numbers of pupils attending:

We want to keep the bubbles of pupils in school as small as possible to reduce the risk of any transmission however at the moment we have 96 pupils who are attending school (43%). We want to try to reduce this number if possible (without impacting on your abilities to be able to attend work etc).

Key Differences between lockdowns – more children in school / online learning mirrors what is being taught in school this time:

There are two key differences between this lockdown and the last. Firstly we have a massive increase in the number of children attending (on average last time we had 20 pupils a day). Secondly, now we have the remote learning set up, what we are providing remotely mirrors what we are delivering in school. This means that those children who are not attending school can still access work online (through Class Dojo) so they can still do their work if they are based at home.

No teacher wants/prefers to work with their class remotely however if this is a way of us minimising risk with the virus, this has to be a consideration.

Email requests for part-time attendance (in full days):

There were a small number of parents who responded to the initial email with specific days that they would need their child to attend school. We still stand by our request for consistency (with children coming to school for the whole day) however if you need to send your children for a set number of days but can keep them at home for others (e.g. they come to school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday), it would be appreciated if you can email your request in for next week by the end of today if possible (or over the weekend). This will not affect any judgement on attendance. If your child **needs** to attend full time they can.

It is mandatory that vulnerable children should all still come to school every day (unless they are unwell).

Kind regards

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