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Dear Parent / Carer,

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.

As you may have seen, the Prime Minister, yesterday evening announced a new national lockdown because of rising infection rates of Covid-19 and to try to prevent the further spread of the virus.

As part of this, all primary schools, secondary schools and colleges in England, including our academy, are to be closed with immediate effect until at least the end of half term in February, except for children of key workers or 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 in future to open the nursery then we may take this step. At present, we only 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

If you or your partner is a key worker, or if your child is classed as vulnerable, then the school will remain open. Your child will access the same online teaching as their peers with supervised access to IT. Bookings for this provision should be made using the following link: https://forms.gle/VRhFFCj1GzPXakFz8

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 08:45am 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.

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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. 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 via the Google Classroom.

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.

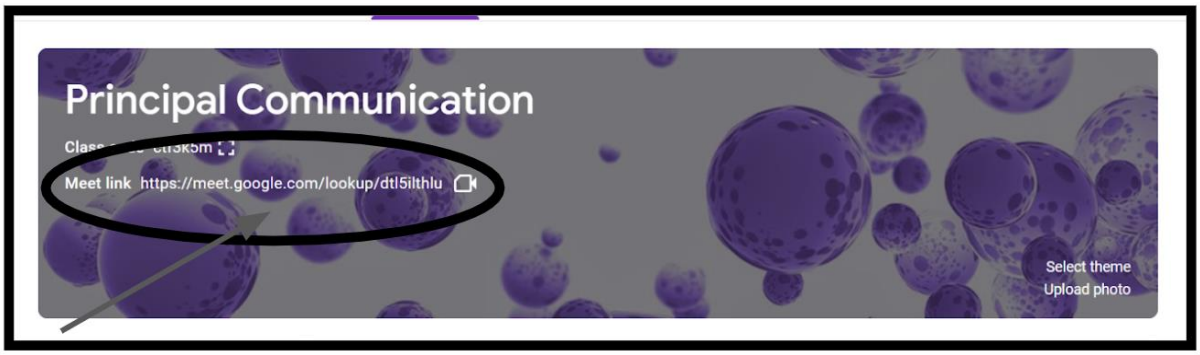
Remote Learning

For all other pupils, our school is closed until at least the end of the February half-term. High-quality remote learning will be provided to make sure they continue to receive a consistent education. We know that this places pressure on you at a difficult time but your support in helping your child engage with the remote learning packs as much as possible is so important and we are very grateful for it.

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. Your child will submit work throughout the day which will be marked by the teacher and fed back to them.



Please see the **updated schedule of learning** that is consistent across all Outwood Primary Settings as of tomorrow, **Wednesday 6th January:**

Nursery Timetable	Reception Timetable
9.00 **Live** Registration and welcome song Literacy (book/hook)/RWI Phonics 9.30 **Home Learning** through play - set challenge 10.20 Snack time & outdoor activities 11.30 **Live** celebration of morning challenge Songs, rhymes and vocabulary 11:45 Lunch 12:30 **Live** Registration and welcome song Dough Disco/Finger rhymes Numeracy 13:00 **Home Learning** through play 14:45 **Live** Storytime -Song of the Week/Staff Favourite 5	9.00 **Live** Registration and welcome 9.15 Literacy 9.40 Learning through play 10.20 RWI - take from the school portal 10.35 Snack time & outdoor activities 11.00 Project/Topic input followed by task 12.00 Lunch 1.00 Live Registration 1.10 Maths 1.40 Learning through play 2.55 Storytime

The daily timetable for Years 1-6 is:

09.00	Live Registration
09.15	English Lesson/RWI
10.15	Break
10.30	Assembly
10.45	Get Active
11.15	Maths Lesson
12.15	Lunch
13.15	Live Registration
13.30	Curriculum Session
15.00	Class Storytime

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.

If you would like to contact school about anything, please use general school email: enquiries@greystone.outwood.com.

I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation. Please do contact us if there is anything you wish to discuss further and continue to take care and to stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Miss V Kirkman

Academy Principal