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RE: School Arrangements Following Announcement of National Lockdown

Dear parents and carers,

We have been informed today that additional restrictions to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) will be in place nationally from midnight on 4th January 2021. As such, I am writing to you to outline the arrangements for school that will come into effect from tomorrow.

The school will be open only to those children where both parents are critical workers and vulnerable children, and only as defined here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We can only provide a place for your child if you were able to offer you a place as a keyworker during the previous national lockdown. If you believe your circumstances have changed since we first assessed your child's eligibility, then please complete the attached form and contact the school on C19@griffeield.derby.sch.uk. Please do not send your child tomorrow if they have not previously attended as a keyworker child. It is important to remind our school family that we are only able to offer a limited number of places to ensure that our school can continue to operate safely and so we can contribute to minimising the spread of the infection in our area. If you work part time only or are working from home (as keyworkers), you must also keep your child at home when you are at home.

If your child is in Reception or Nursery, please complete the attached form to enable us to establish if we are able to provide a place for your child – if it is essential for your child to come to school tomorrow, you **MUST** bring this form with you, but please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate you.

If your child has attended previously as a Keyworker and will still be required to attend, please also complete the tick sheet so that we can plan and arrange staffing for the coming weeks.

Due to the new variant of the virus, please remember that your family is safer if your child is kept at home.

Remote Learning Arrangements

It is important that the pupils who will be learning from home continue to complete educational tasks set by their teacher.

The school understands that each family's circumstances and their access to learning material for their children differs, and the responsibility to provide educational support at home can be difficult for families. It is, however, important that pupils remain engaged in education, even when they are not attending the school site.

To ensure pupils continue to receive a high-quality education outside of school, the school monitors pupils' attendance and their engagement with remote learning in line with our Pupil Remote Learning Policy.

The daily learning tasks on Microsoft Teams will be posted by 12.30pm tomorrow to enable us to assess staffing and from then on by 9.30am daily.

If, for any reason, you or your child experiences difficulties with the current remote learning arrangements or if your child is unwell and is unable to attend remote learning sessions, please inform the school office on telephone number 01332 515718 or C19@griffefield.derby.sch.uk, after 10am.

We understand that this is a very worrying time for everyone in our community and we are here to support your child in any way that we can. We appreciate your support in keeping our children and whole school community safe.

We will keep you updated on any changes to the local restrictions and how this impacts on the school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Emma Mitchell
Headteacher