

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well and healthy. I am pleased to report there have been no positive cases reported in either the pupils, parents or staff. I will endeavour to send out a weekly update to parents on a Friday during this period of National Lockdown and partial closure of schools.

Onsite provision

We currently have approximately 34% of the children on the school site. These children are either children of 'critical' workers or children who meet the criteria of 'vulnerable' according to the government guidance.

I wrote to all parents earlier in the week asking for careful consideration as to whether your child needs to attend school and I would continue to urge parents to do this and to let us know if you think you are able to educate your child at home.

Remote Learning

If you are having problems with connectivity or devices please email the school office and we will do everything we can to help. We are waiting for a delivery of laptops from the DFE which should be with us in the next few days.

It is fantastic to see so many children engaging in the Teams meetings with their teachers and TAs and we are delighted with the work the children are posting. Thank you parents for all your efforts in supporting your children at home, I know how challenging this can be. I am sending out some information about Growth Mindset which you may find helpful.

The teachers are trying to respond as many of the posts as they can. Please remember that as we have so many children on site, all the teachers are also in school teaching the children for part of the week, so on some days you may notice that the teacher's feedback is not as frequent.

I would also request that parents support children in posting their work at the end of the day. It is very difficult for teachers to keep on top of everything if they are receiving completed work from a few days previously. Thank you.

Free School Meals

Many parents circumstances have changed over the last few months and you may now be eligible for Free School Meals. If you are eligible now and your child is not attending school due to lockdown you will be entitled to extra help with food, as well as on-going free school meals at school throughout their primary years (even if your circumstances change). Please apply, today, on-line, you do not need to speak to anyone....its quick and easy to apply and you will receive an instant decision, please have your national Insurance number to hand and your child's/rens date of birth.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Even if your child is receiving Universal Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, please apply as our school will received extra funding if your child is eligible and this will carry through for the whole of their primary education.

I hope you have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Woolley

Headteacher