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School Arrangements 5th-15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from my email on Thursday 31st December, I am writing to confirm our local area has been designated for additional public health protective measures which requires the school to switch to remote learning for the vast majority of our pupils from Tuesday 5th January until Friday 15th January 2021. We have also been instructed to deliver onsite provision to those children of critical workers and/or vulnerable pupils.

This letter outlines the key information I think you will need to know. Thank you to all the parents who have responded to the various surveys sent out - this has enabled us to deploy our staff as flexibly and as safely as possible. I would like to take this opportunity to share that our staffing team has been fully stretched in order to provide the best experience possible for your child. Many staff have agreed to work very flexibly in order to accommodate the offer below. Whereas in the past when a single yeargroup has had to self-isolate, we have been able to focus on one single area (ie remote teaching), this time, we are having to manage both remote and onsite provision across the whole cohort. However, we would welcome any constructive feedback on how we could deliver this even better and we will be inviting you to share this at the end of this contingency set of arrangements. Finally, please continue to report any positive Covid cases through the covidcontact@barnesfarm-jun.essex.sch.uk

Remote Learning Provision

A minimum of 3 one hour lessons will be delivered by our teaching staff remotely via your child's Microsoft Teams account at 9:30am, 11:00am and 1:15pm every day. Please find the attached helpsheets with regards to logging in as well as the memorandum of understanding. **Please talk to your child about this - particularly about using the chat function responsibly.** We expect children to engage with the learning offer and so please inform us if your child is unwell (in the same way as if they were at school onsite). Our usual safeguarding responsibilities still apply, so we will be seeking assurances from families who do not engage. Please help us by keeping in touch to save us having to make unnecessary phone calls or emails.

Onsite Provision

Overseen by our support staff, this provision enables children to access the remote teaching offer led by the teaching staff. The timings are as follows:

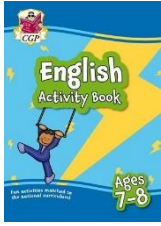
9:00am Start of the day
12:15-1:00pm Lunch
3:00pm End of the day

Wraparound provision is available through the usual Infant school EBNO provision.

Y3 enter through Y3 pod, Y4 through 4H door, Y5 through usual entrances and Y6 go to 6S.



We are able to offer a hot lunch each day at the usual meal price (menu attached). The children have been organised into their yeargroup bubbles and will continue to play separately to aid re-integration back into the full school when that happens.



Children need to wear school uniform but will not need a PE kit. Please ask your child to bring in their green home learning journals and their CGP home studybooks too (Y6 - Achieve revision books).

Our Parents' Evening appointments will still happen, as planned, next week and teachers will be scheduling these appointments via your child's Teams account over the coming days.

Thank you to all the parents who have also taken the time to pass on their messages of support and thanks over this period - it is very welcome and hugely appreciated.

Regards,

Ross McTaggart
Headteacher

