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Dear Families

Thank you for all your support during these challenging times for everyone. Like you, we heard the announcement last night at 8pm that all schools would close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Senior Leaders across the Kite for working together, in order to provide children both within school and learning remotely, learning for today.

We have now closed our survey asking if you require a place for critical workers. We are pleased that we will currently be able to accommodate all children that have asked for a place, however, we are at capacity across all of our academies. We have tried to keep our bubbles small to ensure the safety of both staff and children. If we have any staff absences, we will find it difficult to keep all the bubbles open. We would kindly ask that you reconsider any possibility of forming a childcare bubble with another family in order to help alleviate the pressure on our academies. If we do need to reduce numbers, we will have to revert to the keyworker criteria and prioritise the highest level of need for school places starting with health, social care, education and childcare professions.

The children in each academy will remain in adult-led bubbles and children with an EHCP having the appropriate support. These children will follow a typical learning day and are expected to attend for the full week. Any absences must continue to be reported to the school office in the same way. Breakfast and after school club will continue as normal. Please give maximum notice to allow us to manage staffing. Lunches must be ordered as normal. There are a few slight changes to the menu which will be sent to you as soon as possible.

This lockdown is different to the last one and we are committed to ensuring that children do not miss out on any further learning. The planning for remote learning will mirror the teaching that will be going on in the classroom, with the teacher's expectations of the children remaining the same. This learning will be available on your academy's learning platform. The contingency plans for this work are available on the school website. The children are expected to complete the learning at home and will receive regular feedback from the teacher or LSA. Please bear in mind that, especially in one form entry schools, teachers will also be in the classroom with critical worker bubbles for much of the day. There will be learning to be completed each day which will take approximately 3 hours. Please do ask if your child is finding anything difficult.



We have had a number of questions regarding our Nursery children. We have been advised that school based Nurseries will be considered in the same light as the school aged children and we are sorry that we will not be able to open for all of our Nursery children. These will therefore only be open to critical worker children and those identified by the school as vulnerable.

Please don't hesitate to contact your Head Teacher or the school office with any further questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Dickinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Christine Dickinson
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