

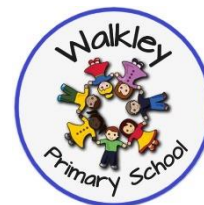
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Coronavirus Update: Thursday 14th January

Key worker/vulnerable children: Requests to parents/carers

Dear Parents / Carers

The children attending school have settled in well accessing exactly the same learning as those children working remotely at home. Learning packs are being collated for those pupils without devices until we can get further support to you. The response from the children learning at home and at school is very encouraging and I thank my staff for the quality and excellence of their teaching. We have the teaching team on a two- week rota system; those in school and those delivering the remote learning from home. Next week the teams will swap over so every child will see a different cohort teacher on screen and in the classroom, but will recognize them as staff from their year group.

Planning and organizing the return of keyworker / vulnerable families to school

I reiterate the message from the Government and Learn Sheffield. **If there is an adult in your family that is working from home you should not apply for / accept a school offer for a place on these days.** It is imperative that the number of children on site is kept to a minimum, so if you have alternatives **you should use these as a priority.** The message from the Government is to **stay at home if at all possible to support our NHS by lowering the risk of transmission of the virus.**

Lateness

It is important that pupils arrive in school in their allotted window. Thank you for your punctuality this week. As I explained we have a skeleton staff based at school at one time, so it is extremely difficult to release people to bring children into school. In the event of a late arrival, please ring the school office on arrival and someone from the team will come and collect your child as soon as we can

Parking

Parents should not use the staff car park and we thank the large majority of parents who are working with us. It is refreshing to see so many pupils walking onto the school site. It is imperative that staff and construction workers who have already begun Phase 2 of the project, have access and egress from the site at all times

Telephones

We are having some initial problems with our new telephone system, particularly around voicemails and we are working as quickly as we can to rectify the problem. Until we do so, enquiries@walkley.sheffield.sch.uk is another more reliable option at the moment

FSM vouchers

We received information last night that the Government have agreed to renew the voucher scheme from Monday 18th January and we are presently processing details. In the highly likely event that the Edenred system is not up and working by Monday we will be delivering food hampers to those identified families on Tuesday 19th January as a backup support.

Nursery

Nursery will be open as usual. If parents still want their child (ren) to come to Nursery, pupils are to attend at their usual times. Please notify the school if you wish to continue to attend Nursery via enquiries@walkley.sheffield.sch.uk so that we can provide staff accordingly.

Remote Learning

We have managed to provide 6 families with devices to access remote learning and keep pressing the DFE for more of our entitlement. We are hoping that some more will be delivered from the 15th January. Thank you to those parents who have contacted us saying they are willing to provide us with laptops if they are suitable. Please contact the school office if you think that you can help.

Thank you again for your patience. Stay safe and well.

Val Sian and the Walkley Team.