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Sunday January 3rd 2021: School closure under Health and safety advisement.

Dear parents / careers,

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year for 2021. Please forgive the intrusion of writing to you on a Sunday evening. It is with regret, that based upon information which has currently been shared with me and assessed against our current Covid19 secure Risk Assessment (RA) -that as of Monday January 4th 2021, we do not at this current time have safe and sufficient staffing levels which would enable us to reopen to all pupils for the week beginning January 4th 2021.

Using current PH guidance, health and safety employment regulations and that from the local authority in relation to our current Covid secure RA -and having shared the information regarding staffing capacity we could have available-, at this moment in time we will regretfully, NOT be able to open to pupils at Little Heaton C of E Primary School on Monday 4th January 2021. We will take the opportunity on Monday to assess the level to which we could potentially open to Vulnerable pupils and those of Critical Key Workers for the remainder of the week. (KWW groups)

Our remote learning plan is to be rein acted as of 13:00 (1 noon) on Monday 4th January using 365 team log in's for live learning and children can continue to use the 'if' remote learning paper-based packs which have previously provided to all families. From Tuesday 5th January different time slots for live learning for each class- beginning in the mornings- will restart as used previously. A questionnaire will be sent out shortly to families via School spider to determine: if your child is identified as a Vulnerable pupil, or the family is made up of 2 Critical Key workers or 1 single parent household of a Critical Key worker would you require one of these limited places we MAY have available from January 5th 2020. Please only reply that you would need a Critical Key Worker place after reading the criteria below and determining if you have no other childcare arrangements and are not able to work from home. Currently, the capacity to offer these places would be limited based on knowledge I currently have.

Critical Key worker criteria: Health and social care, emergency services, education, food distribution / food sales, transportation, Pharmaceuticals industries, critical roles within local and national government, residential care, local transport, emergency household maintenance services such as plumbing and heating engineers / electricians / Telecommunications, or cleaning facilities, would need to seek a place on site in a KWW departmental bubble from Tuesday 5th January onwards.

I am hopeful that by tomorrow, I will be able to determine safe staffing levels available to offer a limited number of KWW places to those children and families who CAN NOT work from home and wish to take up this offer for the remainder of the week. This would then be reviewed before the end of the week as new information regarding staffing levels available could hopefully be shared with myself and shared with you in a timely manner. The After school club facility for these KWW would be available and bookings and payments with Mrs Duckworth should be used, as should any KWW places needed for Breakfast club.

Please know, it is with deep regret and a heavy heart I have had to communicate this information to you at this current stage on a Sunday evening, based on information and advisement related to safe staffing capacity at this current time. In this current climate information changes rapidly. I have a duty of care to act in accordance with health and safety legislations to keep pupils, staff, and the community safe using safety advice. This includes assessing safe capacity levels and alternative arrangements. I appreciate your continued support in these unprecedented times but felt it important to communicate this message to you all now based information I have received, rather than in the morning- to help those of you still expected to work within the local and tier registrations can arrange support for your families, hopefully as a short-term measure.

There will be a limited number of staff based on site on Monday determining our response, please DO NOT visit the site and please only use the phone line to speak to staff if you cannot respond to the school spider questionnaire after 9:15am when hopefully the line transfer to a mobile phone will have 'gone live.' A member of the safeguarding team will be ringing vulnerable pupils as per our remote learning policy over the course of the day to check on welfare and determine your needs as a family.

Stay safe, take care, and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss JL Hulme- Head Teacher



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