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SCHOOL CLOSURE ARRANGMENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks for your patience as we put our plans in place following the government announcement last night.

We now have a more accurate understanding of the number of pupils that will require key worker and vulnerable provision and have planned accordingly. From tomorrow, all of these children should arrive at school at 9am and be collected at 3pm. EYFS children should continue to enter via the green gate to their outdoor area and KS1 and KS2 through the small green gate next to the barn. Please wear a mask at drop off and collection and maintain a social distance.

Unfortunately we are not going to be able to provide wrap around care provision during this period; we apologise for the inconvenience that we know this will cause. If you usually use this provision and your January invoice is not yet paid, you of course do not need to pay it. If payment has been made, please contact Mrs Stewart.

For the remainder of this week, packed lunches will be required by those children in school as we continue to await final plans from Aspens. We will update you as soon as we know more.

Children in school should continue to wear school uniform, except on the days when they will have Forest School and PE. For children in EYFS this will be a Tuesday (both PE and Forest School). For children in KS1 and KS2 this will be a Wednesday for Forest School and a Thursday for PE. On Forest School days joggers and a long sleeved top should be worn and children will need to bring an appropriate coat, hat and gloves. Wellies should already be in school. EYFS children should wear shoes suitable for PE to school with the above attire on a Tuesday. KS1 and KS2 children should wear PE kit on a Thursday. Swimming for KS2 will of course no longer take place.

The children in school will be accessing age-appropriate curriculum work, similarly to those at home. The EYFS bubble will remain separate and the KS1 and KS2 bubbles will remain in separate rooms for most of the time. However, the groups will have Forest School and PE at the same time. This will happen due to the number of children we are expecting and the fact that these activities take place outside. Different toilet facilities will continue to be used for each bubble and hygiene will of course continue to be of the highest priority.

For children at home, work will be uploaded by teachers on to the Class Story or Portfolio section of ClassDojo. From next week, it will be usual practice that work for the whole week will be uploaded by Monday morning. However, there may be occasions when this is added to, so please do keep checking. For the remainder of this week, please keep checking ClassDojo for updates. Completed work can be uploaded to your child's portfolio so that a teacher can view this.

In addition, staff will be leading two Zoom sessions per day for those at home. The purpose of these are to motivate and maintain contact; please look out for the joining instructions on ClassDojo. Timings for these will be as follows:

- Reception 10.30 and 2.30
- KS1 9.00 and 1.00
- KS2 9.45 and 1.45.

The purpose of these timings is to make attendance workable for those at home with more than one child. We ask that children attending the Zooms do not use the chat function of the platform – please do reinforce this message at home.

As an additional update, we can confirm that the guidance states that all Nursery age children are eligible to remain in attendance. Therefore if you have a Nursery child who is not currently attending as a key worker but you would like them to come in, please email me using head@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk. For this reason, if you decide not to send your Nursery child in, we will unfortunately not be able to offer Zoom sessions for them due to staffing constraints.

If you have any queries at all please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We thank you for your on-going support and hope that everyone stays safe and well.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin