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Newsletter - Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for your patience whilst we have made plans today. You will appreciate we found out at the same time as you last night that schools were to close and provide Remote Learning this term.

Key worker provision in school

We immediately sent out the form for you to complete if you needed key worker childcare this week. PLEASE NOTE THE SAFEST PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE DURING LOCKDOWN IS AT HOME.

Due to the large number of requests, we must insist that the Key Worker children attend all day every weekday for consistency in bubbles starting on Wednesday 6th January 2021. **If you completed the form your child now has a place starting tomorrow morning.**

There will be one bubble per year group and children must attend every day. The school day will run to the following times. We are unable to accommodate part sessions or odd days.

Year Group	Start time	Finish time
Reception	8.50am	3.00pm
Year 1	9.00am	3.10pm
Year 2	8.50am	3.00pm
Year 3	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 4	8.50am	3.00pm
Year 5	9.00am	3.10pm
Year 6	8.50am	3.00pm

Your child must be brought to their year group entrance at their correct time. **PLEASE STICK TO THESE TIMES TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.**

You are required to provide evidence of being a Key Worker, **this must be emailed to admin at whinfield.net either today or in the morning.** You must have provided this evidence in order for your child to access the Key Worker provision.

IMPORTANT: if your child or anyone in your household has any symptoms of coronavirus you need to book a test for that person and ALL household members must isolate until results are received - please do not send your child to school while you are waiting for the results.

If your child has been in contact with anyone (outside of the household) with symptoms and you are aware that they are having a test, please keep your child at home to isolate until their results come back.

IT is vital you or your child or anyone in the household who has COVID Symptoms does not come to school. You must get a test and the whole household must isolate.



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Breakfast & Afterschool Childcare for Keyworkers

Breakfast & Afterschool childcare will run for keyworker families ONLY if you have booked and paid for it on the School Gateway. Please come to the ASDA entrance as normal.

Breakfast and Afterschool childcare for all non-key worker pupils has been cancelled and will be refunded over the next few days.

School Meals will be provided as normal and are to be paid for on School Gateway.

Face coverings:

Parents/carers are required to wear a face covering when entering the school premises (within the green fence). Working together will enable us all to stay safe.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will begin on Wednesday 6th. January and the Government have indicated that every child is expected to complete their learning.

Remote learning will be provided through SHOWBIE for all pupils EXCEPT Reception children who will continue to use TAPESTRY.

Each year group will provide a weekly timetable showing what work needs to be completed on which day.

Guidance states that primary school children need to do 3 hours of learning per day. Daily work set will include:

- One maths lesson
- One English lesson- this could be spellings, writing, phonics, reading
- One other lesson- this could be, for example, history, PSHE, music, PE, science

Whether children are in school or at home they will receive the same learning and follow the same timetable.

Please can your child log into the class discussion at 9:00am each day and write their name. This is like the morning register. Teachers will then know who is working online that day.

Teachers will mark work each day between 9-4pm.

Please could children complete work in the books they were given. These books also include the child's passwords.

Please take a photo of your child's work and upload to Showbie. This can only be done via the child's log in not the parent login. We are asking you to do this as the younger children find it hard to write and annotate on the screen.

Reading and High 5 certificates will be issued each week as rewards.

Please no photos of the children to be uploaded to Showbie - only work.

Reception children will be using Tapestry as their learning platform. One Tapestry activity to be uploaded daily as a minimum please.



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Any further questions please email year groups on their email addresses.

Staff will contact parents/carers via telephone at regular intervals across the 'lockdown' period. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact school on 01325 240499 or email the Home Learning address detailed below. Mrs Murray can be contacted on 07469 402630.

Children without access to devices should have been contacted and receive a device from school.

Passwords have already been sent home. If you need help with passwords or home learning, please contact the teaching staff on the home learning email address detailed below:

Receptionhomelearning@whinfield.net

Year1homelearning@whinfield.net

Year2homelearning@whinfield.net

Year3homelearning@whinfield.net

Year4homelearning@whinfield.net

Year5homelearning@whinfield.net

Year6homelearning@whinfield.net

Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our children, please contact Mrs Murray on 07469 402630

Absences / Attendance:

As we still need to complete the school registers and submit the daily return to the Department for Education. It is important that your child records their work online unless they are unwell in which case please continue to report any absences to the school office either by leaving a voicemail or sending a message via School Gateway. Please include in the message what your child's illness / symptoms are.

Asymptomatic testing:

Testing is now available at the Dolphin Centre for people without COVID symptoms. A test can be booked on this website <https://www.darlington.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/coronavirus/covid-testing/>
We strongly encourage everyone without symptoms to get a test as many people are transmitting COVID without being ill themselves.