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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a good Christmas break with your children, have enjoyed family time and have managed to stay well. I am sure you have all heard the announcement from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson regarding the start of Spring term 2021. Our school is in an area where the infection rate is amongst the highest nationally, meaning that only

- children of critical workers
- vulnerable children
- where appropriate, those children with an EHC Plan

will attend school for face-to-face learning from the 5th January 2021.

If your child is in any of the identified groups above, please email office.etp@osborne.coop to request a place for your child to attend school over the next two weeks, stating:

1. child's name
2. child's class
3. which category your child is in and the nature of the critical work, if any.

This request must be with us by 10:00am on Monday 4th January 2021 at the latest, to enable us to plan the staffing in school.

Should you need to refer to it, the guidance on critical workers can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>

All other pupils who are not attending the actual school building will be expected to engage with the remote education that has already been established in our school. The access to these online lessons will start for all children on the 4th January 2021 and will then continue for those children not identified in the above groups. It would be useful if you could check that your children are able to log in successfully to their account. Please email office.etp@osborne.coop on Monday 4th January 2021 should you have any problems with this. Additionally, please let us know via email if you have concerns about access to technology enabling your child/children to learn at home.



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For the first week of the Spring term we are asking that all children attending school bring a packed lunch with them, if your child is entitled to Free School Meals then a packed lunch will be provided for them in school. We are also in contact with the local authority regarding the continuation of free school meals provision for those pupils learning from home and will communicate the decision as soon as we know the position.

Over the initial weeks of Spring term, all pupils and their families should continue to comply with the rules set out for Tier Four and we would ask that all parent/carers help to ensure that their children are following those rules. This particularly includes those related to mixing with other households when they are not at school and when they are travelling to and from educational settings. We will continue to maintain our communication with you via email and the website so please continue to check for updates. The government have said that they will review their decision regarding education in two weeks so hopefully we will have further updates then.

My very best wishes to you all for 2021 and I look forward to seeing you and your children when our school site is re-opened.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs F Bates
Head of School

