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Dear parents and carers,

Following the partial school closures announced last night by the Prime Minister, we have successfully opened to key worker families this morning. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey last night and this morning. Sadly, it appears that the new arrangements will last for the remainder of the half-term.

Who can continue their learning in school?

We are now in a position to consider welcoming back children from key worker families **where only 1 parent falls into this category**, from tomorrow. Therefore, any child who has at least one parent/carer in their house who is a key worker is eligible to **apply** to attend the school site.

If you fall into any of the above criteria and wish your child to attend school, please complete the *survey immediately*, using the link below to request a place at school tomorrow. You may then bring your child to school in the morning, **unless you hear from us otherwise. However, we must be clear that if numbers of applicants are high, we may have to use a priority system to allocate places.** Please head for your usual arrival point in the morning.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UUzQrs_rlq05txLZk9sS202kTk5989HhqChdRevJY1UNlNKTEgxOVBCSVRaSFQxSTIERlc0MEs2Qi4u

At this moment in time, only eligible key worker and vulnerable families are able to attend Early Years Provision and booking should also be made via the above link.

Breakfast Club and Twilight will run as normal for children of key workers. Please book and pay for this via the office a week in advance, where possible.

What are the arrangements for children eligible for free school meals?

We have contacted all families who we believe are eligible for free school meals with details of our weekly food parcels. If you believe you are eligible but have not received a call or message, please contact us straight away so we can assist.

Anybody who has since booked a food parcel for collection from school on Friday will be notified a time to collect via text message.

Anyone who is concerned that their child may go hungry in the next couple of days is asked to contact the school office via email or phone and we will do our very best to find a temporary solution.

What are the arrangements for home learning?

Whilst we would much prefer to be teaching your children in school, the home learning opportunities we will provide are vital. During lockdown 1, many children managed to maintain a good level of progress through



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engaging with the daily activities online. We strongly urge you to support, where you can, the home learning set on the class blogs each day.

Work is available immediately for children to complete, via their class blogs. We will once more be arranging for the purple books to go out to pupils who wish to record their work. We are also working on a weekly paper based learning pack that will match some of the work set on the blog. These might include worksheets and other resources, for example. We hope that these will be available for collection by Friday, for next week. Pupils will also be able to return their learning packs each Friday to be marked, should they wish.

If you would like a paper-based learning pack for your child, please contact the school office with your child's details. Due to time restraints, ***we will only be able to put these together each week for those families who have requested them.*** Thank you for your understanding.

The class blog will still have links to reading activities and teaching videos produced by our staff, so access to the internet is still an important aspect of your children's learning. If you would like to borrow a device, or have internet issue, please let us know via the school office and we will try our best to help you out.

If you would like to send photos of work completed to your child's class teacher, please use the email address enquiries.teachers@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk and we will forward them on. Thank you.

Exceptional Circumstances

We reserve the right to offer a place in school for children who have exceptional circumstances beyond the criteria of the key worker provision. We would invite parents/carers to get in touch with the school office if they would like us to consider their circumstances.

What should I do if I have further questions or concerns?

You are encouraged to continue to use the office email address as your main point of contact. Please send us an email at office@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk

We thank you for your patience and co-operation whilst we get everything up and running. The late announcement, which was not shared in advance with schools, means we have had little time to react to all the challenges the new arrangements will present.

Yours sincerely



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