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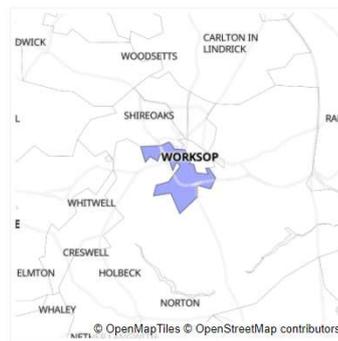
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Friday 15th January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing with my weekly update and hope that you find the information useful.

As I write, there are some promising early signs that infection rates in our local area are easing, although there is no time for complacency or relaxation of the strict rules at this moment in time. The number of Covid patients in our local hospitals is still very high. Despite being high, the local area rates of infection are well below the national average, but this shows just how severe the situation is across the rest of the country. We need to do everything we can to ensure that we keep the virus at bay in Bassetlaw.



People tested positive by specimen date

Seven days to 9 January 2021

15

Rate per 100k resident population: **209.1**

How does this compare to England average?



Current alert level in Bassetlaw

NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

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We continue to expect that restrictions will apply until at least the half-term holidays.

Remote Learning

I wrote to you yesterday with an outline of the remote learning provision the school is offering to children unable to attend the academy. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the daily class online meetings that will take place from Monday. Look out for a link to click on the daily blog post and it should be a straight forward way to check in with classmates and the teaching staff. Class teachers will be expecting to see children join the meeting each day where possible.

I would also like to continue to remind parents that we have a good stock of laptops that we are very happy to loan out to families. We have enough to supply families with more than one, should this be helpful in multi-child families. Please contact the school office and we will get you sorted out immediately.

Free School Meals

From next week, we are able to return to the voucher system that ran so successfully for us in the previous lockdown and holidays. The government have now confirmed that schools will be able to recover the money it spends to provide food vouchers and we have therefore placed an order for these to be delivered early next week directly to parents/carers. Please look out for a text message confirming when the voucher will be available for use.



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Eligibility for vouchers is income-based. If you feel you may qualify, but have not received vouchers or food parcels from the school in the past, please contact Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 8080 or apply via their website <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

There has been widespread reporting of the Free School Meals provision across the country this week. As a school, we have continually reminded parents that, should their children be likely to go hungry, they should let us know and we will ensure that this is not the case. This offer exists to all families, whether eligible for Free School Meals or not. We invite parents to contact the school office and the conversation will remain confidential to only those people who need to know.

We were particularly pleased to receive thanks and appreciation from parents who have received the food parcels supplied from our own kitchen, especially given the lack of time we were given to put them together.

How can I communicate with school?

Email address	Type of enquiry
office@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk	All general enquiries, including school places, FSM, contacting Mr Abbott or Mrs Rawson etc
F1@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk F2@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk Year1@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk Year2@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk Year3@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk Year4@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk Year5@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk Year6@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk	Send photos of work completed to your child's class teacher or ask any other questions specific to the class/pupil
it.enquiries@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk	Questions about laptops, internet, pupil login details, general IT advice etc

Attendance in F1

At present, a number of nursery-age children (who are in the term after their 3rd birthday, or older) of critical and vulnerable children are in the academy for some or all of the week. If your child is not in one of these two groups, and you would like to discuss accessing provision, please contact us to discuss the options available.

For families who continue to choose to keep their children at home during this time, there is full, daily access to learning for them via the class blog.

Yours sincerely



Mr Phil Abbott
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