Lockdown Two January 2021 Open to Key worker and vulnerable children and remote learning for all other children

We have welcomed all our key worker/vulnerable children back to school and are making contact with all our other children.

<u>Please check the website to remind yourself of information sent out and to read our remote learning</u> policy

It is very important that you do not send your child to school if they or someone in your family has symptoms of Covid. Please book a test and isolate at home – 10 days from symptoms starting and 10 days for family members. You will not be fined for this. If the tests are all negative, then the child can return to school. If you receive a positive test then you must let the school know. The drive- in centres are turning results around quickly at present, usually within 24hrs. We will only have a small number of tests in school that can only be given out if you are unable to get to a drive in test centre and the results from these take longer to receive.

If we have a confirmed case in school, I will alert public health and follow their instructions.

Current guidelines are that the class bubble would then isolate for 10 days.

It is very unlikely the school will close to key worker and vulnerable children unless there is a large outbreak in the school or community.

It is also very important that if you have returned from a country that requires you to quarantine that you do.

We do a first day response system at Jeavons Wood to ensure all our children and families are safe and well. Please let us know if your child is not in school due to illness, isolation etc. To report a child's absence please contact the School on 01954 717180 option 1 or office@jeavonswood.org or use the link on ParentHub. This applies to all key worker/vulnerable children at the moment unless you have let us know that it is a day they are not expected in.

Class information

The class teachers will also be in contact over the first week to check all is fine and share class information with you.

Teachers will still use parent hub to send messages but you will find learning information on seesaw.

Does my child have to do all the learning you set?

We will set daily English and Maths learning and learning for other subjects as we do in school.

If you cannot do it all then please focus on the English and Maths.

There will also be extension learning for those who want more to do.

How do I send the work back to you?

You can upload work to see-saw or some parents take a photograph and send that in. Teachers will let children know if there is a particular piece of work they would like to see.

We have sent the workbooks home for Maths at parental request as many parents found it easier for their children to complete the maths work in these rather than complete online.

Last time it worked well for the children if they self-mark or you tick as they go along to see any errors instantly in their maths books. We will provide the answers! However, if this is a problem, let us know. We will review the learning in the maths books when school re-opens.

Is my child expected to stick to school times while remote leanring?

This is entirely up to you!

Some families thrive on this routine and like to have learning with breaks etc very much like school.

Others would rather be more flexible and suit the work to meet the needs of their children and families.

What about the children in school?

The children in school will be following the school day routine. They will be completing close to the same learning as the children at home with a few obvious differences. E.g. we would describe how to do the art learning to you and do it with the children in school.

What type of learning will you provide?

There will be a range of learning suited to the needs and ages of the children like last time. For example Reception teachers have left out mini whiteboards for you so that when they do a video lesson your child can join in. These lessons have a short input as the children's concentration is shorter. They then have suggestions of ways they can work practically as young children need to.

Older children may have more detailed written explanations from their teacher of what to do on worksheets, on paper, in maths books etc and then time to do it as they do in school. There will be video explanations for some activities and whole class input as appropriate.

How much contact will I have with the class teacher?

The class teacher, with support from the teaching assistants, will be in regular contact with you.

Please understand they are also teaching key worker/vulnerable children and so will fit this contact around that. They will telephone or email you to check in.

How do I contact the teacher?

Please contact the teacher in the normal way through the office email. They will also see some of you on zoom classes as you will be with younger children and speak to you on the telephone. We will do all we can to keep the contact with you as strong as it always is.

We do understand anxieties are high at the moment for some people while others are just relieved, we are locking down and can see light at the end. We will do all we can to support you all.

How will you assess what the children are doing?

We will do this from the work you submit and through our teaching. Some of the learning we ask the children to do allows us to quickly see if they understand it from their responses.

Your child will have access to some online assessments so we can see how they are doing.

I have three children all doing different things while I am trying to work from home. It is all too hard!

We do understand and is one of the reasons we have taken a mixed approach to our remote learning offer. We appreciate that a lot of families would struggle to sit all the children down to live

lessons at the same times on different devices and the children would struggle if just sitting in front of a device all day.

Will the office be open?

The office will be <u>virtually open</u> so you can contact them in the usual ways through telephone, email and letter. It will not be open to drop ins so please do not try and come in through the front doors.

There is a post box in the first part of the entrance for any school forms to be returned etc.

We will leave resources, books etc in the front lobby and parent hub you when these are available.

What about after school club and breakfast club?

These are closed at the moment as we would then be mixing all the bubbles.

What happens if my child's key worker/vulnerable bubble has to isolate for 10 days?

You will be informed if this is the case and home learning will be provided for your child for the time they are at home. It will not be possible for these children to be taught in another bubble or to be looked after in school. We understand this will cause problems for parents who work as critical workers and so ask that all parents do all they can to support us to keep Covid out of our school.

All our extra measure are kept under constant review and overseen by the governors and the Trust.

Our priority is to keep everybody as safe as we can and to provide the best learning opportunities we can. We will do all we can to adjust our usual ways of working to ensure that the children continue to receive the best education possible. Thank you for working with us.