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Dear Parent Carer

We appreciate your understanding and support with the recent third lockdown announcement. We are sorry that education is once again significantly disrupted and that we had to take an additional planning day today to ensure school could be opened safely tomorrow.

Having completed telephone contact with you all today, we have now identified a list of pupils who will be accessing school from tomorrow. Please note that should children be shielding or classed as clinically extremely vulnerable they should not be attending school.

In the first instance, children who are coming into school will be allocated a morning (9.00am-12.00pm) or afternoon (12.30pm-3.30pm) school placement from Wednesday 6th January. Parent carers of these identified children will be contacted by the class teacher this afternoon regarding the session allocated to your child.

Following conversations this morning, if we are expecting your child in school, we will do our utmost to get transport in place as soon as possible, however, this will not be for tomorrow for Worcestershire pupils and therefore, you will need to transport your child to school until this has been resolved. It may be advisable to check directly with your transport company to ascertain arrangements. If you feel it is critical for your child to be in school and you are unable to provide transport then please ring the school office and leave a message before 8.00a.m. tomorrow morning and we will do our best to support you. We have notified all transport companies of our intention to operate AM and PM sessions and we have given them provisional names but we cannot guarantee at this point that they will be able to accommodate the changes to usual home to school transport at such short notice.

General Day to Day Information

- Pupils will be in classes with familiar staff (unless their own class staff are absent) and the class sizes will not exceed 7 pupils
- Some classes have been amalgamated by age due to very low numbers in some classes

- Staff working with your child will be wearing PPE and will adhere to the 2m distancing if possible/appropriate
- We would really appreciate it if families could manage as much of the personal care and administration of meds/feeds for children at home to reduce close contact with people in school. I fully understand that some of the above will be necessary in school and we will of course do all we can to support this.
- Pupils must wear clean fresh laundered clothes every day to minimise risk of infection. Pupils do not have to wear school uniform if this is easier for families
- Spare clothes, pads etc. will need to be sent into school in a bag
- Nails need to be kept short to enable thorough handwashing
- The wearing of face masks is optional for children. If you want your child to wear a mask whilst in school, then I would ask that your son/daughter is wearing a mask when they arrive. I would stress, however, that if your child removes their mask, staff will not be able to put it back on for them
- Please can you send any communication aids that your child uses into school
- Pupils will not be required to bring a packed lunch, however, pupils may bring a snack. This will need to be in a wipeable container. Pupils will all need to bring their own drinks bottle/cup if required
- Pupils will not be allowed to bring mobile phones into school
- It will not be possible to use therapy standing or walking frames whilst your child is in school. General walking frames to support everyday movement can still be used
- It may not be possible to accommodate time out of chairs during lessons
- If you have requested your child to be in school, they do not have to attend all allocated days, however it would be good to know this well in advance to adjust staffing
- Our Risk Assessment has been updated and children will be transitioned at the start and end of the day by their own class staff

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to answer them.

I will write again before the end of the week with an update on the current situation and arrangements.

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Deb Rattley
Headteacher