

DRIFFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL – Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly I'd like to apologise that we were unable to contact you more fully last night regarding the lockdown and partial school closure announcement made by Boris Johnson. The untimely news was far from helpful to you as parents and us as a school. There was no possibility of us being able to organise provision in school for those eligible to attend today, hence making the decision to fully close for one day to allow us time to contact parents, organise staffing and make a start on planning home learning.

Critical workers

To reiterate a message sent previously, if you are deemed to be a 'critical worker' and have no other option but to send your child to school to allow you to go to work, then please email school **BEFORE 12 NOON TODAY** giving us your name, your child's name and class and what your occupation is. We will contact all those eligible to be in school later today via email – the letter will include all the details you will need to know for the coming few weeks.

Please note: breakfast club (7.30am onwards) and Kidszone (up to 5.30pm) will be operating with the normal charges for Kidszone.

Children deemed 'vulnerable'

If your child has an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) or is otherwise deemed to be vulnerable (I'm sorry to use this phrase but it is the one the Government refer to), you will be contacted directly today by a member of school staff regarding attending school during this lockdown period.

Home learning

For today and the rest of this week only, your child can access home learning via Google Classroom (year group remote learning classroom). Click on this link to access:

<https://www.driffieldjuniorschool.co.uk/learning/remote-learning-2020-21-1>

Starting Monday 11th January, our home learning provision will be exactly the same as it was when year groups had to self-isolate due to Covid cases in school, again via Google Classroom. This is a more bespoke provision and was very successful last time.

We are aware that the vast majority of pupils have appropriate hardware at home (laptops, ipads, Chromebooks, PCs etc) that allows them to access home learning, however we also know that some don't. We do have some Chromebooks for loan, and are expecting a delivery of more very soon, so please do email or ring if you need to borrow one and we will arrange this with you where possible.

Unlike in March, during this lockdown period there is a clear expectation that children of primary age will complete a minimum of 3 hours school work per day. Children have missed a significant amount of time from their education so it is essential that they keep up as much as possible by completing the work set by their year group team.

If you have any urgent queries, please contact the school office by ringing 01377 253371.

Please stay safe during these extremely challenging times and rest assured that, as ever, we will do our very best to support your children.

Yours truly

Linda Laird - Headteacher