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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wrote to you last week explaining the schools on-site provision and procedures for all vulnerable and children of critical workers from Wednesday 6th January. The decision, by the government, to limit on-site provision to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers is about reducing the number of contacts that all of us have with people from other households.

We had planned to operate a single 'bubble' within school. However, due to the increase in the number of critical worker children we have on-site and to ensure that we can maintain social distancing within the classrooms we are now splitting the children into 2 groups. This will ensure that should a positive case of COVID-19 arise it will affect a smaller number of children & staff, should a 'bubble' have to close. Therefore, from Monday, 'Bubble 1' will comprise children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 whilst 'Bubble 2' will comprise the Key Stage 2 children: Years 3 - 6.

Due to the splitting of the children, there will be a slight change to the drop-off and collection procedures.

As of Monday 11th January the procedures are as follows:

'Bubble 1' (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils)

- Drop off is at 8.45am through the green door via the bottom playground (staff will be there to assist and advise). If you have children in both bubbles, older children can also be dropped off on the bottom playground - they should walk up the path and enter the building through the door that they were using before the lockdown.
- 'Bubble 1' will be taught in Class 2 (Ms Birch's classroom) and will have access to the recently refurbished toilets for Class 2.
- Children to wear their own clothes, school uniform is not needed and suitable clothing is required (trainers would be ideal as the children may be participating in some physical exercise).
- Additional fleeces and warm clothing may be worn to keep them warm in the well ventilated room.
- Children to bring in their own water bottles, clearly labelled
- Children may bring in an additional snack to have in the morning
- Collection of children will be in the bottom playground at 3.15pm; again a member of staff will be there to advise. If you have children attending 'Bubble 2' they will be sent down the school path to meet you. Please maintain social distancing whilst waiting for your children and remember to wear face masks on the school premises.

'Bubble 2' (pupils in Years 3 to 6)

- Drop off is at 8.45am on the top playground (unless you need to drop off younger siblings) ; staff will be there to assist and advise. Children should wait to enter the building, using the markings provided. Parents may wait with their children, but are expected to wear face masks whilst on school premises and to maintain social distancing at all times.
- 'Bubble 2' will be taught in Class 4 (Mr Heard's classroom) and will have access to the toilets nearest to the classroom.

- Children to wear their own clothes, school uniform is not needed and suitable clothing is required (trainers would be ideal as the children may be participating in some physical exercise).
- Additional fleeces and warm clothing may be worn to keep them warm in the well ventilated room.
- Children to bring in their own water bottles, clearly labelled
- Children may bring in an additional snack to have in the morning
- Collection of children will be on the top playground at 3.15pm; again a member of staff will be there to advise. Please maintain social distancing whilst waiting for your children and remember to wear face masks on the school premises.

Bubbles

The children will stay within the same bubble. They will be seated at individual desks, in accordance with government guidelines, and will be undertaking the same learning activities as those who are accessing the online learning remotely. This will be supported by teaching assistants under the supervision of the class teachers, who will be working on the daily learning provision and communicating with those children who are working remotely.

Lunches

The government guidelines state that the children are entitled to a free meal option. We have been in contact with Kingswood Catering (our school meal provider) and they will be supplying packed lunches for the number of children we have timetabled each day. Should you wish to provide additional food for your child this may be brought in in their packed lunch bag.

Families with children who are entitled to Free School Meals will also be provided with a food box on a fortnightly basis. The next dispatch of food boxes is due into schools on Friday 15th January. We will contact eligible families to arrange collection/delivery when they have arrived.

Remote learning

We are acutely aware of the challenges that remote learning presents. Please bear with us while we get our new online learning platform up and running. It should make home-school communication easier and also provide more interactivity. Mr Heard will be working with the other teachers over the coming week, with the aim of a full launch of our Google Classrooms by Monday 18th January. For the time being, please try to use the learning activities provided on the school website and on Tapestry (for Class 1 pupils):

<https://www.flore.northants.sch.uk/parents/class-1-remote-learning>

<https://www.flore.northants.sch.uk/parents/class-2-remote-learning>

<https://www.flore.northants.sch.uk/parents/class-3-remote-learning>

<https://www.flore.northants.sch.uk/parents/class-4-remote-learning>

If you have any questions about the learning activities for you child's class or need to contact the class teacher, please use the following email addresses:

ms.batt@floreprimary.co.uk

ms.birch@floreprimary.co.uk

mrs.chick@floreprimary.co.uk or mrs.conway@floreprimary.co.uk

mr.heard@floreprimary.co.uk

We understand the difficulties that some families are experiencing with regard to the availability of sufficient technology and internet access. We will be surveying all families next week to identify where further support may be required. Please note that we do not currently have access to any additional laptops to support home learning - we are awaiting contact from the Department for Education to give us details of how we can apply for the equipment we need. In the meantime, if you are struggling to provide the required technology for your child, please contact us as we may be able to loan you an iPad. Also note that the new learning platform will be accessible through Xbox and PlayStation 4/5 consoles.

It is important that all pupils engage with the remote learning provided. If you have any difficulties, please do make contact and we will endeavour to help in any way we can. We will be contacting any families that have not yet 'checked-in' with their children's teachers. All schools are under a statutory obligation to ensure that all pupils are accessing the education they are entitled to.

Please be assured that all of the staff at Flore CE Primary School are doing their utmost to provide the best possible education for your children at this time. Due to the sudden move into full lockdown, we were not ready to launch our on-line learning platform and we understand that accessing the learning through the school website is not ideal. Please bear with us as we continue to do our very best to make our learning provision as useful and accessible as possible whilst minimising the undoubted anxiety and extra pressure that families may be feeling.

We continue to work together as a team - parents, children & staff. Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support. We have a strong school community that will always put the children first in everything that we do.

'STAY SAFE!'

Kind regards

Ian Heard
Head of School

Sarah Dugdale
Interim Executive Headteacher