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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from last night's announcement and the immediate closure of schools, other than for critical worker children and vulnerable children, we are now in a position to give you further details relating to Hampton Vale Primary Academy. Firstly, let me apologise for the late arrival of this letter. Today has been incredibly busy and verging on a logistical nightmare with only 24 hours to prepare a brand new curriculum plan for Spring Term 1, the reopening of school for critical worker children and vulnerable children groups on Wednesday, as well as finalising our remote learning offer. It has been somewhat of a busy day! I will try my best to share the key details with you here as succinctly as possible but please do not worry, there will be plenty more information to follow and staff are here to support at the end of the phone should you need us.

The message which I have heard at every meeting today is **'Stay at home'** and I have to repeat this to you. The country is now in a national lockdown and the COVID-19 infection rate is continuing to climb at a rapid rate. I must stress that the critical worker spaces within school are not an entitlement but a last option for those who are in front line jobs; who without this option would not be able to work towards supporting the country back out of lockdown. Children are safest at home and this is where they should be if at all possible. Today we have had over 7 times the number of requests for critical worker spaces than during the last lockdown, which not only puts an increased strain on the school, but also increases the risk of infection to the high number of children and staff who will be continuing to come into school to facilitate these numbers. Class teachers will be teaching their class remotely whilst at home, unlike during the last lockdown, and this is the very best option for all children where possible.

The next week now has a structure as follows below. This is new to us and therefore I ask you to be patient with staff and recognise that there are likely to be some bumps in the road which when notified we will endeavour to iron out. We will learn better ways as we trial them and will keep you updated if we make improvements and changes along the way. The key message here is that during my meeting with Hampton Vale staff today every single one of them is desperate to do their very best for your child/ren to ensure that they get the very best education in these very difficult circumstances. We also want to ensure that all pupils stay happy, safe and that they return to us as soon as they possibly can.

Wednesday 6th January 2021

Critical worker children and vulnerable children

Children who have been called today to have their space confirmed may start tomorrow. If you were not called today you will receive a phone call tomorrow letting you know if you have a space in one of the groups to start the following day.

Only 1 adult per child may enter the school site. Adults must wear a mask, adhere to social distancing and follow our one-way system.

Children should bring a water bottle and coat. Children should wear their PE Kits and should bring in wellies before Monday ready for their Forest School sessions next week. Children may either have a hot school meal (order and pay through Bromcom) or they may bring a packed lunch. Free school meal children will receive a hot lunch.

Start of day- 8.45am

End of Day- 3.15pm

You must take your child to their designated bubble classroom where you will be met by the staff supporting your child's group. Classrooms are as follows

Reception- Berlin classroom

Year 1- Paris classroom

Year 2- Prague classroom

Year 3- Athens classroom

Year 4- Moscow classroom

Year 5 and 6- Washington classroom

If your child has been allocated a critical worker space then they must attend every day. This is best for continuity for learning. If your child is unwell, you must call the school office as normal to report. If you later decide you do not need your critical worker space then please let us know so that we may offer it to someone on our waiting list.

Non critical worker and vulnerable children

All children/parents will receive a phone call from the class teacher by Friday 8th January. During this phone call the teacher will ask you for confirmation that you have a device for your child to access and work on their google classroom account, please let them know if this is not the case. We realise that some families may have several children and will have to share, that is fine, we just need to know if your child does not have any access at all. Also during these phone calls the teacher will ensure that your child knows their log-in details and is able to successfully log on. It would be really beneficial if you could try this with your child in advance. The teacher will then explain all other necessary information during the call.

During this week, while we plan the full remote learning curriculum, the children have a wide range of work and activities to complete independently at home. On Monday we will begin the full structured remote learning plan.

Work to be carried out this week:

- Reading - Your own library of books at home or log on to our new online e-books facility (logins are being sent out this week)
- TTRockstars
- Spelling shed
- Oak Academy has a wide range of online lessons ready for you to use
- Joe Wicks has many PE workouts on Youtube which were created during the last lockdown and are great for the whole family
- Learning Packs are being uploaded to your Google account.
- Some children also have a Lexia login and can continue to use this provision at home.

Monday 11th January 2021

Remote Learning

Our full remote learning offer will begin on Monday 11th January.

Class teachers will explain all you need to know in advance of this and we will be sending you a comprehensive outline of expectations for children, curriculum coverage, marking and feedback, morning zoom calls, weekly phone calls, and class assembly details. There is a minimum of 3 hours work per day for children and this will be fully structured and provided by the teacher. There will also be online support during the school working hours from the class teacher so that we can ensure support is available for you and your child.

The expectation is that all children will be online ready for their zoom call each day with their teacher and will complete their work following this. We still have to record a child's attendance and therefore without seeing your child during this session we will need to call/door knock etc. Full details on remote learning to follow.

Free School Meals

All children who are entitled to a free school meal will be receiving a weekly food parcel on a Monday morning. If your child is entitled to free school meals (this does not include the Universal Free School Meals provided for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) you should come to the school office on a Monday morning each week after 11am to collect your food parcel for that week. If you are unable to collect your food parcel for any reason please contact the school office and we will try to support you with this.

Risk Assessment

We will publish our updated risk assessment following all of this week's changes on our website by Friday of this week.

Safeguarding

If parents have any concerns regarding a child please email Safeguarding@hvp.org.uk and Mrs Krstonosic will action this.

Useful advice for parents/carers during this time of increased online learning:

Support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online include:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carer

I realise there is a lot of information here and unfortunately there will be a lot more to follow while we all adapt to this new way of working.

The key points to remember:

- **Stay at home.**
- **Your family's safety is the most important thing at this time.**
- **We will support you and your child/ren in receiving the best education possible during this time.**
- **If you are worried or concerned about anything at any time then call us, we are always on the other end of the phone and someone will always help.**
- **Your children will one day tell their own children about the time when they learned remotely at home!**

Best wishes, we will be in touch soon.



Miss Page
Headteacher