

## Update: Ongoing School Closure



### **Re: Update and Information re full school closure**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are keeping well and wanted to contact you following on from Prime Minister Boris Johnson's announcement last night (4.1.2021) that schools will now be closed to the vast majority of pupils for this half term.

**The first part of my letter concerns CW (Critical/key workers) and VC (Vulnerable Children) provision whilst the latter part deals with Remote provision; I hope that this information will be helpful on the first day of full closure.**

**Onsite Provision for CW and VC children; welcoming pupils back today and clarification re CW.**

Our school will be open every day for children of Critical (key) workers and for vulnerable pupils; THANK you for your patience at the gate this morning. We did have a few queries but will iron them out quickly today – thanks to parents and carers for their understanding. It was so lovely to see children and families again after the Christmas holiday.

The full list of **Critical Workers** can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on->

[maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers](#) . Just to clarify that **if ONE parent/carer is on this list then the child/children in that family qualify for a place and can attend** (should they wish to).

**Vulnerable Children** definition found

here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#vulnerable-children-and-young-people>

**CW & KW onsite provision – no school uniform needed and different teaching staff – just to reiterate.....**

There is so much information for you to take in so I'll just go over it again! The onsite provision will be led by a teacher from the same year group (if possible) in a **YEAR GROUP BUBBLE**, but not necessarily your child's usual class teacher. Our teachers will work on a rota which will involve them being on site teaching CW/VC children and then off site facilitating remote provision for children learning from home. Please also note that we do have increasing staff sickness levels so we appreciate your understanding and empathy in these challenging circumstances. **If a teacher/support staff member is unwell, their colleagues (other teachers or support staff in their year group) will help to support the provision.**

Children attending this provision **do not need to wear school uniform** but should instead wear clean comfortable, warm clothing or layers (including trainers and suitable outdoor winter clothing) because we want to keep the windows open as much as possible for ventilation and our aim will be to have the children outside for some much-needed fresh air weather permitting!

The **onsite provision will be very similar to the remote provision being provided to the vast majority of pupils (who will be learning from home) to ensure curriculum coverage and continuity**; children onsite will be provided with chrome books for their learning as appropriate. HPSA – what would we have done without all your hard work in raising money for these chrome books – thanks again!

**School Lunch - HCL hot dinners for children on site**

Thanks to the CW/VC parents that have ordered dinners. I am so pleased that HCL will be providing hot lunches for our CW and VC pupils during this cold, winter period. CW and VC parents/carers should continue to pre order from the menu via School Grid. Access to the School Grid website can also be found here: <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/>

**Taking up a CW/VC place in the future; we need 48 hours' notice please.**

By the end of today we will have confirmed registers of CW and VC pupils attending for the next 2 weeks. **If you are the parent / carer of a CW/VC child and DID NOT want a place this week or next but may want a place in the future please ensure that you give us 48 hours' notice** of your child's return so that we can make the necessary arrangements (registers, staffing, preparing resources for your child to ensure a smooth start back etc.).

**Staffing issues; No Breakfast Club or After School Club Provision (for CW/VC) for 5 -15.1.2021**

Our staff are depleted at the moment which is why we are unable to offer extended provision from 5-15.1.2021. The aim is to have this provision up and running (for CW and VC children only) as soon as possible. Please bear with us in the meantime.

**Containing the virus - advising us if your CW/VC child is positive - 0208 886 3216 (Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm) OR 07466 871278 (outside these hours)**

As in all of my previous letters, the following guidance still stands if your CW/VC child becomes unwell.

**We all know that this new Covid variant is very prevalent in our community; we need to be informed as a matter of urgency if your child develops symptoms and subsequently tests positive to enable us to follow PHE guidance, assess risk and take action which MAY mean closing a year group bubble. A reminder;**

- Please do not send your child into school if they are feeling unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (new persistent dry cough or high temperature of 37.8 or loss of taste/smell). They must self-isolate for 10 days after the first day of symptoms.

- Please do not send your child/children into school if a member of your household has symptoms of coronavirus. They must self-isolate (for up to 10 days) pending the family members' test results.
- You need to collect your child from school if notified by the school that they are unwell or displaying symptoms.
- You must get tested ASAP if anyone in the family shows symptoms, as per Government advice using [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus) (up to date information regarding Enfield testing sites can be found via the Covid tab on our school website).
- As you may be aware, there are now two types of tests, a rapid test (LFD test) which is not as reliable and the original PCR test (this is the one that is sent to a lab and takes longer for the results). Please be aware that if you receive a positive result from a rapid test, you will be asked to take a PCR test to confirm this and the 10-days isolation will restart from that test.

**Free school meal (FSM) vouchers –as soon as possible.**

As in the past, we will be contacting families who qualify for FSM to arrange support via vouchers.

**Felix Project support for families–as soon as possible.**

Ms Macrowan Smith is contacting the Felix project today. As in the last lockdown, we will be contacting families who may want to receive Felix Project goods.

**Remote Provision; policy and improvements to previous offer.....**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, we shared additional ways of adding to remote provision based on teachers' experiences and parental feedback (from the last full

lockdown and more recent class bubble closures). We have also undertaken Google classrooms training in the last few months and many of our teachers are adept at using this alongside our usual platforms. Every school makes operational decision in regard to its own provision , infrastructure and resources; some families would prefer “live” lessons whilst others may find this type of schedule restrictive or prescriptive in fitting in with (the wide variety) of home routines; we will not be live streaming lessons.

**Remote Provision; loan of school laptop or chrome books;  
office@hazelwood.enfield.sch.uk**

If your family needs to **loan a school device (laptop or chrome book) for your child/ren**, please contact the office as soon as possible. **We are prioritising those families who do not have access to any device.** We will then work with families to enable them **to support their child’s access to remote learning during full school closure** . Please note that (as a school) we have experienced severe delays and difficulties in receiving the DfE allocated amount of laptops but we will do our best to help. Priority will be given to families that have no access to any device.

**Remote Learning now (January 2021) – what parents and carers can expect;**

- Our Teachers and support staff (as previously) **will contact 3 children/families a day to touch base with your child, say hello and maintain some contact.** Please note that the teacher/support staff member will use their own mobile and so the incoming call may not register as ‘Hazelwood School’, it will likely display ‘Withheld’ or ‘Private’. Please pick up.
- First day – Our teachers will make a reassuring video for your child’s class, explaining the arrangements for learning during lockdown and what to expect. The video will explain that children should complete as much of the work as possible but that if they are unable to complete it all on the day that’s OK (this flexibility is to support working families).
- The first day video will also explain how pupils should return completed work and will remind them of how they can contact their teacher via purple mash email if they get stuck.

- In response to parent feedback and to support children (and parents/carers) to access the learning, teachers will now make instructional videos demonstrating the skills being taught/modelling the activity - these may be voice overs on power points or screen recordings (e.g. How to use a number line for subtraction/how to do long multiplication/English concepts explained.) Support staff will also support by making videos of other activities e.g. craft.
- Following parent requests, teachers will upload work **each day** ready for **9 o'clock** via google classroom, purple mash or tapestry. The work will include a mixture of reading comprehension, English, Maths, Learning Journey, spellings/phonics, multiplication tables plus some off-screen activities.
- Music, Spanish and PE lessons will be prepared by Ms Halpern, Ms McColgan and Ms Hammond (our very own Joe Wicks!) and sent to teachers for uploading.
- To support our children's safety and well-being, teachers will also provide suitable PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and online safety lessons.
- In direct response to parent feedback, teachers will compile a list of all learning and post it in a central place, this may consist of links to other websites or locations of activities but the content of the day will be centralised. Pupils activities and work can be found as follows;
  - Nursery & Reception: Tapestry
  - Years 1- 3 : Purple Mash
  - Years 4-6 : Google Classrooms
- Teachers (and support staff) will mark the pupils work as they would in school which may be through comments or acknowledgement marks (ticks or smiley

faces etc.); they may use Mote to add verbal feedback to google classroom or google docs.

- The day before we return to school (whenever that may be), teachers will make a welcome back video for the children.
- Some year groups MAY deliver packs to families to supplement home learning (this is especially the case in nursery and reception where remote learning is particularly challenging for our very young children). I do believe that some reception staff are delivering packs today!

I'd like to acknowledge how determined, flexible and resilient our Hazelwood Team has been in getting things ready for today – the senior leadership team have been amazing as have teachers, support staff, our admin team and all staff members.

**Going forward.....2021 will get better!**

**This is not the start to the year that any of us wished for and the next few weeks are likely to be very challenging;** I'd like to thank the many parents and carers that have given us positive comments and feedback. The pace at which we have needed to respond, adapt and reorganise is very fast moving!

Thanks in advance for your on-going understanding and cooperation .

Kind regards,

Mrs Tracy Kilkenny and the Hazelwood Team