

17 – December – 2021

RE: Preparation for start of term Tuesday 4th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. In light of the current situation and the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, we need to plan for the possibility of another period of school closure. We sincerely hope that this is not the case, however by providing you with as much notice and information as possible we can be ready just in case of another period of school closures.

As we have previously, we will endeavour to provide in school support for children of Key Workers. In order to do so you will need to inform the school, in writing, of your key work status and also provide supporting evidence; in the form of a letter from your employer confirming key worker status, hours and days of work and dated no earlier than December 2021. This letter needs to be on headed paper or from your line managers work email so we can verify the letter and your status.

Places in the key worker bubble would be allocated on a first come first served basis (assuming all paperwork is as required). Priority would be given to children where both parents are key workers and children who have an EHCP or social worker attached. As a small school we only have the capacity to support a set number of KS1 and KS2 pupils.

All other pupils will be expected to carry out remote learning. As well as the homework Grids for Term 3 being online, remote learning will, in the first instance, take the form of units from Oak National Academy with follow up calls from class teachers.

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Here at Mundella we work hard to support all of our children and truly believe that the best way to do this is by face to face teaching. Another period of closure is not our preferred option however we need to prepare for the worst to ensure we can continue to support all our pupils. I am certain that we will receive updates in the media over the next few days/ weeks as the risk from Omicron develops.

Please be mindful that even though we are the school we do not usually get any information prior to the headlines in the media and on national news therefore any announcements may be made at short notice.

Here's hoping that we can see you all face to face in school from January 4th 2022; fingers crossed.

Yours sincerely,



Mr FE Westmorland

Headteacher

