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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have enjoyed family time with your children and have managed to stay well. I am sure that you have all heard the announcement from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson regarding the start of spring term 2021. Our school is within the small number of areas where infection rates are highest, this will mean that only critical worker children, vulnerable children and where appropriate, those with an EHC Plan will attend school for face-to-face learning from the 5th January 2021.

If you feel that your child is in any of the identified groups above, please email: support.ltp@osborne.coop to request a place for your child to attend school over the next two weeks. This request **must be with us by 10:00am on Monday 4th January 2021** at the latest, to enable us to plan the staffing in school. Should you need to refer to it, the guidance on critical workers can be found at <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>

For all other pupils not attending the actual school building they will be expected to engage with the remote education that has already been established in our school. The access to these online lessons will start for all children on the 4th January 2021 and will then continue for children not identified as critical worker children, vulnerable children and where appropriate, those with an EHC Plan. It would be useful if you could check that your child/ren are able to log in successfully to their account. Please email support.ltp@osborne.coop on Monday 4th January 2021 should you have any problems with this. Additionally, please let us know via email if you have concerns about access to technology enabling your child/children to learn at home.

For the first week of the spring term we are asking that all vulnerable or critical worker children attending school bring a packed lunch with them, if your child is entitled to Free School Meals then a packed lunch will be provided for them in school. We are also in contact with the local authority regarding the continuation of free school meals provision for those pupils learning from home and will communicate the decision as soon as we know the position.

Over the initial weeks of spring term, all pupils and their families should continue to comply with the rules set out for tier four and we would ask all parent/carers to help ensure their children are following those rules. This particularly includes those related to mixing with other households when they are not at school and when they are travelling to and from educational settings.

We will continue to maintain our communication with you via email and the website so please continue to check for updates. The government have said that they will



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review their decision regarding education in two weeks so hopefully we will have further updates then.

My very best wishes to you all for 2021 and I look forward to seeing you and your children when our school building is re-opened.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Hook

Headteacher



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