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4th January, 2021

FOR URGENT ATTENTION

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following lengthy discussions of how best to protect our school community during this period of time in the pandemic, we have made the decision to close the school and move to online learning. This is not a decision that we have taken easily but with infection rates rising at an alarming rate in the Eden area, we have to put the health and safety of children, staff and everyone's families first.

School will be open for **Critical Worker and vulnerable children only**, from Tuesday 5th January. If your child is attending school and shows any signs of illness, please do not send them to school.

Online learning will be available every day for all children not attending school. Class teachers will use the Tapestry and See-Saw apps as before during the first lockdown period. In addition, you will be able to ask questions about lessons at 9am - 12pm on Monday to Thursday mornings on the following email address to ensure your child/children has as much interaction with their teachers as possible: plumptonhomelearning@outlook.com There are initial learning packs which the teachers prepared in anticipation of another lockdown which can be collected from the school office from tomorrow, 5th January. These packs contain work and resources for the first few days until the online learning is up and running.

Changes to drop off/pick up

To keep everyone as safe as possible we have spread out drop off and pick up times and ask for all adults to wear a face covering when on the school site. If you are late for your bubble slot, please wait until 9.15am when everyone is in school and come to the main entrance. Please do not congregate around the school site and ensure that children are close by you and not running among other adults.

Class 4 - 8.45am

Class 3 - 8.55am

Class 2 - 9.05am

Class 1 - 9.15am

If you have more than one child, please come to the **earliest** drop off slot.

Class 4 - 3pm

Class 3 - 3.10pm

Class 2 - 3.20pm

Class 1 - 3.30pm

If you have more than one child at school please pick up at the **latest** pick up slot.

For those children accessing school, Breakfast and After School Club will be open for essential workers so please consider whether you need to use this. If you do need to use these clubs please book in advance via Lunchshop.

As a school community we have worked incredibly hard to keep everyone safe throughout this terrible pandemic and we want to continue to work with you. If you are struggling with anything that we can help with please get in touch with us via the school office. For more information about the restrictions for our area please see this link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>

Once again I thank you for your continued support and we will keep you informed and up to date with any changes. If you do have any concerns or questions please contact the school office.

With kind regards,

S.L. Penny

Head teacher