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Hi Parents.

**THIS LOCKDOWN MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SPOIL ALL THE FANTASTIC WORK OUR KIDS HAVE PUT IN SINCE SEPTEMBER. I HOPE EVERY PARENT FEELS THE SAME.**

## IMPORTANT SUMMARY OF YOUR QUERIES / COMMENTS....

1. Clarification of what constitutes a 'key worker'...a list is on our website....one parent needs to be a key worker. Even if you're working from home you are still entitled to send your kiddie to school.
2. We are providing 5 days schooling as normal...some parents may wish to have only part time attendance at school for their child if they themselves are part time key workers. This may change depending on any new guidelines.
3. Clarification of the 'Vulnerable'.. these range from those families/ children with social workers to those who the headteacher and staff deem to be of some worry and may therefore be allocated a place.

Today's previous email gives various 'vulnerable' circumstances. We fully understand that children and families need support for a whole range of issues. Kiddies academic, social, physical and emotional development all need to be monitored carefully ...but so does that of 'vulnerable' parents etc. If a child coming to school helps a 'vulnerable' parent then please don't hesitate to let me know your circumstances.

**4. One parent asked... 'Is it proper schooling or just the same as before?' ( meaning Lockdown 1 and partial reopening in June)....when our role was considered by many as being seriously hindered by all the taped off classrooms etc. This effected our delivery of a true ,well balanced curriculum. I answered:-**

**that this time we have planned for structured learning with the full curriculum being covered.** The parent was delighted...(even blew me a kiss!!)

**We also anticipate far more families/children requiring a place.**

**We are very much providing serious schooling!**

Please don't hesitate to request a place, as once we have finalised any changes to staffing etc families may have to wait.

5. As stated in yesterday's email, we are sticking to our 'normal' routines:-

Full uniform...packed lunches - brought in or requested from our canteen...usual PE Days....normal entry/ exit staggered times...usual designated gates...usual high standards in all we do!

6. Is our Nursery staying open? This has yet to be confirmed ...you may have heard there is real unrest amongst unions etc. I am hoping for clarification later today or tomorrow. In the meantime our Nursery remains open.

7. Will kids staying at home have access to the same learning objectives etc. as those kids at school Of course., but obviously working at school is bound to be more 'normal.'

We are soon to send parents our Remote Learning programme. We have to provide upto an average of 3 hours per day for each child working from home. Some parents will dread this ..others will crack on and make sure their kiddie keeps progressing. We are here to help and support at all times.

**So, please return your slips by tomorrow so we can finalise our contingency plans which have so far served us so well in preparing for this next stage of these challenging times. WE REMAIN TOTALLY POSITIVE.**

Finally, a parent has already sent in a photo of her child - Charlie in Y4 who has completed one of the science tasks set by her classteacher. Great work...great presentation...great attitude from kiddie and parent.

I repeat:- **This lockdown must not be allowed to spoil all the fantastic work our kids have put in since September. I hope every parent feels the same.**

The classteacher, Miss Taylor writes: **Day 1 and already smashing the home learning!**

