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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been rather busy since the Prime Minister announced the latest national lockdown! Thank you for your patience whilst we worked through the requests for children of critical workers to attend school, made staffing arrangements, and activated our remote learning strategy for those children learning from home. We have made so many decisions and responded to no end of queries in this time that we feel the need to summarise the arrangements in place for children attending school during lockdown to avoid any confusion.

Attendance in School

Restrictions of the current lockdown state that only children of critical workers and vulnerable children should attend school as set out on the GOV.UK website. However, this does not mean that children of critical workers must attend school. We politely request that eligible parents only use this provision on the days when there is no other option for childcare. Please do not send your child to school because you can; please only book their place in school for days it is absolutely necessary.

Booking your child's days in school

Many parents have already confirmed consistent days each week that they require their child to attend school. Other parents have shared the days they require based on their shift patterns. If possible, please let us know the days you need your child to attend school as far in advance as possible.

For parents whose work commitments vary on a weekly basis, please send an email to l.ross@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk by Friday each week listing the days you require the following week. Wherever possible, we will do our best to accommodate.

We must all play our part in minimising contacts in order to reduce transmission of COVID-19. For this reason, it may be necessary to limit the number of children within each bubble at any one time.

School Timings

The school gate opens from 8:15am each morning. As we have fewer children accessing the premises, it is easier for them to filter in without us requiring staggered start times. Children may arrive anytime between 8:15am and 8:30am. School will finish for all children at 3:15pm from Mondays to Thursdays, with the usual 12:30pm finish on Fridays.

Friday Childcare Provision

We appreciate that some arrangements for Friday afternoon childcare may have fallen through due to lockdown. If you have absolutely no alternative and need your child to remain in school until 3:15pm, please email office@stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk.



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School Dinners

Our school cook will be working throughout lockdown to continue to provide delicious hot meals. Please ensure your child's ParentMail dinner balance has sufficient credit on the days your child orders a school dinner.

Uniform & PE Kit

Children are required to wear normal school uniform to school. Children will be having weekly PE lessons and will need to wear their PE kits on the following days:

- Year 3 – Mondays
- Year 4 – Tuesdays
- Year 5 – Wednesdays
- Year 6 – Thursdays

Vigilance for COVID-19 Symptoms

It is imperative that we continue to work together with vigilance and determination in order to keep the whole school community safe. Therefore, please do not send your child to school if:

- your child is presenting with any of the main symptoms of coronavirus
- anyone in your household is presenting with any of the main symptoms of coronavirus
- your child or anyone in your household is waiting for a test result
- your child or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19
- your child has been identified as a contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19

If any of these circumstances apply to your child or household, we ask that you telephone school immediately or, in the evening or at the weekend, please send an email.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

As always, sincere thanks for all your support during this time. We have received so many kind messages from parents recently; thank you for providing those much needed boosts!

Keep well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ross
Deputy Headteacher