

SCHOOL CLOSURE JANUARY 2021

Schools were closed to most children from Tuesday 5th January in response to the worsening situation surrounding the COVID19 pandemic. However, we have been asked to remain open to provide care for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. If you believe that your child is eligible for a school place during this period of school closure and would like them to attend school, please read the information below.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

If your child attended school throughout the previous lockdown, there is no requirement to provide further evidence of your key worker status. However, if you are accessing care for the first time, we may ask you to provide written confirmation that you are a key worker from your employer.

Children in school will be cared for by a team of support staff. These staff will facilitate access to the remote learning package which will be set for all children. However, you should be aware that school-based provision is largely a care-based package and not a full-time taught curriculum.

Sending your child to school at this time is not without risk; the school will continue to exercise its infection control measures in order to keep everyone on site as safe as possible but by deciding to send your child to school you must understand that we cannot guarantee protection from the virus. Should there be a confirmed case among staff or children, you will be advised of the actions that will be taken which may include closing the school.

School will be open between the hours of 0830 and 1600 each day. Please advise us which days your child will attend school and timings if different to those above. School-based provision is flexible but **please advise us of the days your child will attend school as soon as possible.**

We appreciate that some children will need to attend school every day while others will attend on fixed days each week. If you need to be more flexible, we would appreciate a week's notice regarding the days you wish your child to attend.

The Farm Kitchen will provide packed lunches throughout this period of school closure. **Please ensure that you inform Mrs Lawson of your requirements as soon as possible.**

Children do not need to wear school uniform during this period. Please send them to school in comfortable clothing which is suitable for physical exercise. They will need trainers and a warm coat for outdoor activities. Mrs Swanson and Mrs Ludford will be teaching PE lessons on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. **Please ensure that they also have clean footwear for indoor use.**

The school office is now closed with Mrs Lawson working from home – please continue to communicate via enquiries@uffingtonprimary.co.uk