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**UPDATE IN LIGHT OF GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear Parents,

31/12/20

Many of you will be aware of the government's announcement yesterday that primary schools within high infection rate areas will remain closed to pupils, except to vulnerable and Key Worker children for the time being. The area of Broxbourne has very high Covid infection rates and opening the school would probably mean that the virus would spread quickly between pupils and staff, which in turn would increase infections within the community. I wanted to write as soon as possible to you to explain what this will mean for the pupils at Goffs Oak Primary.

Children were due back at school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January as we had two planned INSET days on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. These INSET days will still go ahead to give staff time to meet remotely, prepare and plan for the coming weeks ahead.

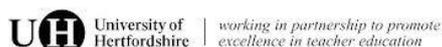
From **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** we will begin our Virtual Home Learning. This will look slightly different to that from the previous lockdown and week prior to Christmas. Home Learning will be set out on SeeSaw, Google Classroom and Tapestry – if you require login details please contact your class teacher through one of these platforms. I will be sending out more information regarding our updated plans for Home Learning in the coming days. These plans will include more structure for the days and more in depth reordered lessons for the children to watch and interact with, keeping in line with their current curriculum aims. Teachers will all be working remotely to ensure consistency for all.

**Key Worker/ Critical Worker/ Vulnerable Children**

From Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January we will be opening the school from 8:45 – 3:15 for children of Key Workers (more info below) and those we identify as being vulnerable **only**. We will be in touch with vulnerable children directly to offer places if needed.

If you believe that you are a critical key worker and **cannot keep your child home**, please email me on head@goffsoak.herts.sch.uk with your child's name, class, your occupation and how you are a critical covid worker, the days you will need and if your child will require a school packed lunch. Please ensure that you **only request a place if absolutely necessary** as we wish to ensure that numbers within school are low enough to ensure we continue to protect our staff and children. Please email me as soon as possible and ideally by **9am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January** so that I can make the appropriate arrangements for your child.

Current arrangements for those Key Worker/Vulnerable children are dependent on numbers gathered by 2<sup>nd</sup> January. In order to keep the children and staff as safe as possible we will likely have children in class/ Key stage bubbles with Teaching Assistants to support their home learning. Teachers will not be on site but will be working remotely to ensure Home Learning is consistent for all. More information for this will be sent directly to those identified as Key Workers/ Critical Workers or Vulnerable once identified.



We know this is continuing to be a stressful time but we hope this window provides us with an opportunity to return to school fully when the government deems it safe to do so. All of our staff will be working hard to provide learning to all and we will continue to check-in with all families during this time.

Please remember that if you are able to keep your children at home this is the best option for our school community. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Aimee Hart