

Spring Bulletins 2021

Friday 15th January 2021

Weekly Attendance

This week, our weekly attendance for pupils on school site was 83%

If your child is absent for any reason, please remember to contact the school as early as possible as we have to monitor attendance very closely.

School gates are now open between 8.50am and 9am for children to arrive. It is very important that children are punctual, for health and safety regulations.

Message from Mrs. Ducker



Dear Parents & Carers,

What an extraordinary week it has been for all of us especially too for our staff who have moved to remote and live learning as well as having our critical worker and vulnerable children in their classes.

During this National lockdown we have **three times** as many children on site than we did previously. We are asking if you could carefully consider if you would be able to keep your child safely at home if you are a critical worker. There is currently a high demand for places in school which is putting a great deal of pressure on staff who are also engaged in delivering remote learning for pupils at home. While most staff are well and able to come to work, we are at capacity and there will be resourcing issues if anyone becomes ill or has to self-isolate.

The new variant of coronavirus is highly contagious and while every effort is made to keep Civitas COVID-secure, the more people who stay at home, the better the chance of bringing down infection rates in Reading.

We appreciate it is a very difficult time for everyone, and some parents who are critical workers will have no choice but to send their children to school, and we are here to support you. But I would urge you to keep your child at home if you can.

I want to assure you we are doing all we can for our children in school and at home and are adapting to a rapidly changing situation. We know what a concerning and unsettling time it is for children and parents and we will continue to be here to help in any way we can.

Children on site

Gates open at 8.50 and will close at 9.00am. Please ensure you arrive at school on time and in full school uniform. Children attending need to be collected from the playground at 3.15pm, please remember to wear your face coverings.

On the day your child/children have PE they may come to school dressed in their PE kits and may remain in this all day:

PE TIMETABLE - UPDATED FROM 18th JANUARY

Monday – Years 4 and 5
Tuesday – Years 1 and 2
Wednesday – Reception
Thursday – Year 3

Upon leaving the site or following drop off, parents should continue to observe Government advice regarding gatherings.

Remote Learning

Thank you for all your support and feedback and we start to engage on our digital platform for remote learning Office 365 (Teams). We have staggered the timings of Teams calls to support families with siblings. These changes will start from Monday 18th January:

Teams Calls	EYFS (Reception)	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	KS2 (Years 3,4 and 5)
Morning Lessons	9.15am	9.30am	10.00am
Afternoon Feedback	3.00pm	2.45pm	2.45pm

Free School Meals

During this pandemic, home and financial situations may have changed for many in our community. If you feel your circumstances have changed and you may be eligible to apply for a free school meal for your child/children. Please click on the link and fill out the form and we will send it through for assessment.

[FSM application form](#)

For our families entitled to free school meals, where children have not been on site, we have been able to provide weekly food hampers. From the 25th January the government will be launching the voucher scheme again. We will be in touch next week to ensure all families entitled to free school meal not on school site are set up clearly with this process.

Once again thank you all for hard work you are doing to 'home school' your children and the support you have given us as we have moved to a new system to further improve the quality of the provision.

Wishing you a happy and healthy weekend,

Kind regards,

Salima Ducker

Executive Headteacher

Key Dates

Date	Event Details
Monday 4 th January 2021	Inset Day (School closed to children)
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	Inset Day (School closed to children)
Wednesday 6 th January 2021	School Partial Opening & Remote Learning
Friday 12 th February 2021	Break up for Half Term



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