



Thursday 31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Re-opening

Yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education confirmed that, due to the high number of COVID-19 cases, the primary schools in Castle Point would remain closed for another two weeks - this includes Jotmans Hall School. The closure will be reviewed after this period for a possible return date of 18th January 2021.

Monday 4th January was a planned Non-pupil day for all children, and this will remain a non-teaching day. Online learning will start for all classes on Tuesday 5th January.

Whilst the school is closed the following provisions will be reinstated:

Keyworker group

The school will be starting provision for keyworker children on **Tuesday 5th January**. This group will be accessing the online work set for their class while they are in school. Staff will be available to oversee this work, but face to face teaching will not be taking place. If you feel you are eligible for keyworker status please contact admin@jotmanshall.essex.sch.uk by 4th January 2021, stating your eligibility and the days you require your child/ren to attend. (Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January). Please note: We reserve the right to ask for proof of keyworker status from your employer (See link at the end of this letter for eligible groups).

EHCP/ Vulnerable children

EHCP children are entitled to a place in the keyworker group, as are children considered vulnerable. If your child has an EHCP, or if you believe your child may be entitled to a place, please contact the school on admin@jotmanshall.essex.sch.uk by Monday 4th January to let us know your requirements (Please see email link at the end of this letter for further details on eligibility).

For all members of the keyworker/EHCP and vulnerable group, we will confirm your place via email or phone call on 4th January 2021.





Pupil Premium Children

All Pupil Premium children are entitled to a free school meal during the period of school closure. As this is not a national closure the voucher scheme has not been extended. However, the school will be providing a cold 'grab bag' lunch for all those entitled to it. This can be collected daily. If you wish to collect your meal, or if you want to take up your entitlement but are unable to collect it, please contact admin@jotmanshall.essex.sch.uk by Monday 4th January.

Further information on keyworker and vulnerable groups can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

I sincerely hope you have all managed to celebrate Christmas and had a good, if quiet, break. It is not the start to the New Year that we had all been hoping for, but hopefully the promises of a brighter springtime are something we can all work towards.

As always, our priority is to get the children back healthy and happy. Please contact your child's class teacher or the school directly if they are finding the work challenging in any way - or if they are just finding life tough.

Further help can also be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/>

Please take good care of yourselves and each other. Stay safe.

Kind regards,

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