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Further School Update

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This letter is to add some additional information to the letter you will have received from the school yesterday.

As you know, tomorrow and Wednesday the school is open to key workers' children and vulnerable pupils only. As yet, we have not been advised about arrangements for Thursday and beyond. All TKAT schools are operating in the same way as directed by the trust.

A plea to key worker parents

Out of fairness to all of our families and our staff, and to help reduce the spread of Covid in the community, please only take up a school place in the next two days if you truly cannot manage childcare within your own home. Going forward, if restrictions should continue, we will be asking all parents who have requested a place for proof of work as a key worker and following all guidelines strictly. I would sooner inform you of this now so as to avoid disappointing those who may not qualify.

Gates

Please use your usual gates when dropping your children into school and collecting them. Please remember the gates open from 8.30am and the collection time is now 2.50pm for Early Years and 3.00pm for all other year groups, including the siblings of Early Years children. All the collection points remain the same. The children will be taught in year groups by their familiar adults as we have managed to ensure staff are teaching in their usual year group bubbles.

Vouchers and lunches

If your child is coming into school for the next two days, please send them with a packed lunch. For those children who are entitled to FSM Vouchers, we will advise when we have an update on issuing these.

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Online learning

Our Google Classrooms are still up and running as usual. Students have access to both their Homework classroom and their Remote Learning classroom. All work will be accessible in the Remote Learning classroom over the next few days. As a school we have spent time making sure that the students are able to use this platform for learning, however, they may need some support/reminding from you. To help to support parents better, we have set up 'helpline' email addresses. If you have any questions or require any further support with online learning, please contact the teaching team via the email addresses below and the teams will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

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The current situation is changing all the time, so I may well be writing to you on more occasions this week with updates. Please help us by making sure any friends who may forget to access theirs as often as you are get a reminder from you to do so! We also put all of our letters on our website.

Finally, I apologise that in the busyness and pressure of getting yesterday's letter out, I did not wish you all a happy 2021. May we all have a happy, healthy one this year. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards,



Sophie Gosden
Headteacher