



Newbold & Tredington C of E Primary School and Day Nursery
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Dear Newbold and Tredington families,

With the first full week of the spring term under way we are glad that we have been able to settle relatively smoothly into a new routine. We have been offering in-school provision for our vulnerable children and those from our critical worker families, whilst providing remote teaching to all our pupils at home. We have been able to reach this point thanks to the tireless efforts of staff in preparing and improving our systems whilst adapting to ever changing circumstances.

What is clear from this week, however, is that the number of pupils eligible to attend school under the critical worker provision is much higher than during the first lockdown. We therefore need to ensure that we can accommodate those most in need whilst recognising that we must continue to do everything we can to keep staff and pupils as safe as possible in light of the recent Coronavirus developments.

The guidance from the Department for Education was updated at the end of last week reiterating that whilst children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school if required, parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home when they can.

For our part, we must stress that places in school for critical worker children and vulnerable children are finite and we ask you to take the place if absolutely necessary.

As I am sure you will understand, running a dual system of educating and supervising children in school whilst providing remote learning to those children at home, places additional logistical staffing burden on the school. As teachers are deploying online teaching they are also still required in the classroom for those being educated in school. Please also be aware that some teachers may be asking for work to be submitted by a certain time. This is so they can mark the work and prepare for the next day, making alterations to their planned teaching to accommodate the needs of individual children. If your child doesn't understand any of the work please contact them through the class email addresses and they will provide work to support their learning.

Please can I also ask you to be mindful that the teachers do need a break at the weekend and not to expect them to reply out of school hours.

Many thanks

Mrs Sam Welsby (Head)

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