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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter, I hope, will provide further clarity about the situation we are faced with at present.

We have received some guidance from the local authority stating that school should be open to key worker and vulnerable children. Many of you have been contacted if you are a key worker, if this is not the case, please be patient with us if you have already emailed the school. Please be aware we will require evidence of your key worker status.

When children are at home

Online learning will start which will be in line with the work that is carried out in class as much as possible. This will be in the form of English and Maths and work using Doodle. Can I encourage you to get your children so use doodle as much as you can. Evidence shows the children using this package consistently improve and teachers can see the progress when they log in online and review their learning.

If you require further support for this, Doodle provide a free webinar on a Wednesday or you can access a recording online. Please use the following link if this would be helpful.

<https://www.doodlemaths.com/free-parent-webinar/>

Again, as mentioned last night, please be aware that teachers are teaching in class as normal to key worker children and they will only be able to provide feedback when they can.

Those children that have music tuition will go back online and you will be contacted by your teachers soon.

If your child is away from school and will not be returning until after the lockdown, we do not require you to inform us of positive cases as they will not be directly affecting the school.

Key workers and Vulnerable children

To give us some clarity of numbers on a day-to-day basis we are asking all parents/carers who have children attending school during lockdown to fill out a survey that will be accessed via a link that will be sent to you.

If your child is a key worker/vulnerable child, then guidance states that you can come in full time which will aid the consistency of your child's learning. We will also understand if you choose to keep your child at home when you can.

We will not be reducing the classes during this time and we will continue to use our current procedures. This means that children are required to wear uniform and their P.E days are the same and will still need to come in P.E kit.

Lunches will also be the same with Foundation and Year 1 and Year 2 children receiving hot meals if they require it and Key Stage 2 children still having packed lunches.

As we are continuing to ventilate the classes it will be advisable to provide your child with extra layers to keep warm during the day.

If you are attending school in any way, you are required to inform us of any absence.

As always, please keep your child at home if anyone in your family develops symptoms and inform the school. Please remember you only need to have a test if you or your child has symptoms.



If you do have a positive test for your child, please let us know as soon as possible by either phoning within school hours or by phoning 07399355450 out of normal school hours (evenings, weekends, and holidays). This number is only to be used to report positive results for a pupil.

Suspected cases, and positive results for members of the household can still be notified by email to office@kirkella.eriding.net.

If there are any other thoughts, please contact your teacher via ClassDojo and we will be happy to answer them if we can.

Keep Safe,

Mr Church