



Nunnery Wood Primary School



7th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout the pandemic we have striven to support our school community, and my staff and I want to do the best we can to support you and your children.

Every school is different, in terms of staff numbers and their own personal circumstances and family vulnerabilities. Together with my senior leaders, we regularly and thoroughly review of our risk assessments in an effort to lower the risk of transmission of COVID19 within the school. As I am sure you can appreciate, this is extremely challenging given that the virus has different variants.

The demands on schools are changing daily; systems and procedures are regularly reviewed and, where necessary, adjusted to ensure the safety of the whole school community is taken into consideration:

- provision in school for children and staff;
- staffing and ratios;
- remote learning offer (a letter about our updated remote learning package will follow by the end of the week);
- Treetops wrap-around care;
- Free School Meals provision.

With the staff I have available, we are nearing capacity in each of our year group keyworker bubbles. So far, we have not had to use our priorities criteria, listed below:

Priority 1	children with EHCPs;
Priority 2 & 3	both parents are critical workers <i>or</i> a single parent is a critical worker;
Priority 4	vulnerable children – sadly, we have seen this number has increased throughout this pandemic;
Priority 5	one parent in the household is a critical worker.

The safety of our staff and children has to be our number one priority. Even though we are reaching capacity in our keyworker bubbles, we are still determined to support those who require provision, where we can. We fully understand that the restrictions of the lockdown are difficult for everyone, and wish to support as many families as possible BUT this must be done as safely as possible for all concerned.

With this in mind, I must ask those of you who have requested places to carefully consider your reasons; the days you would like to access the keyworker bubble provision and, if there are alternative arrangements you could make. Even the smallest change could make the world of difference to another vulnerable child/family finding it difficult to balance home, school and work life. If you are able to make any adaptations to your request, then please email the key worker email address: keyworker@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Unfortunately, if we cannot reduce our bubble numbers this way, **should the bubbles reach full capacity**, then we will need to use the criteria to allocate places.

Treetops

Having reviewed our provision and risk assessment, Treetops can remain open, subject to staff availability. Those of you already registered with Treetops should receive an email from Mrs. McCluskey today.

Once again, thank you for your understanding and continued support; we will continue to work in partnership with you all. If you require any advice or support, please email safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk which is monitored daily Monday to Friday (8.30am-5.30pm) and once over the weekend.

Best Wishes,
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