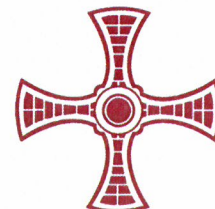


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8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well, and that your children/our students are too. Many thanks for working with us during this first week of term. We shall be in touch a little later in the term to discuss how the remote learning provision is going, what is proving successful and where any difficulties may be. However, very briefly for now, in what is a far from perfect situation, initial feedback does suggest that learning has started well, and we thank you for your part in ensuring that.

The main focus of this letter is around on-site provision to children under the vulnerable or critical worker criteria. When I wrote to you at the very end of last term, and over the Christmas holidays, we were anticipating this arrangement to last only two weeks. Therefore, we only asked for expressions of interest for the first two weeks of term. Because we thought at the time that this would be a very short term measure, we asked for students in for full weeks. Now that we know this arrangement will go beyond two weeks, we realise that some parents may want students in specific days only.

Please refer to my previous letters for the definition of vulnerable children and children of critical workers. If your child falls into one of these categories, and you intend to send them in to school w/c 18th and 25th January, **please do the following by Wednesday 13th January:**

Please email school@str.bwcet.com to inform us of which days your child will be in school during these two weeks. Please put *Vulnerable Provision* or *Critical Worker* in the title box of your email. If you do not inform us that you are sending your child in, then we will not be expecting them, and therefore you will not be contacted if they do not arrive in the morning. Please note: if your child is already in school with us during these first two weeks, and you wish to continue the exact same full time provision for w/c 18th and 25th January, you do not need to confirm this. We will assume your child will continue to be in every day, unless you tell us otherwise. If you wish to cancel this provision, please do inform us.

However, we must ask two things please:

Firstly, please book this provision in advance, as outlined above. We must ensure that we have sufficient and safe accommodation and supervision for your children. Extra students turning up unannounced will jeopardise this arrangement. Please do work with us on this.

Secondly, if you have told us your child will be in school, please do not decide on the day not to send them in without telling us in advance. This leads to safeguarding issues, when students are registered in the morning, as we then believe students have failed to arrive at school safely. Again, your full cooperation with this is appreciated. Thank you.

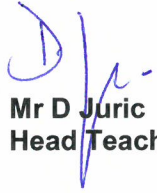


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I remind you of the information in my previous letters that school start and finish times, uniform, routines, etc. will all be exactly the same as normal for those students in school. Students are in school all day. School buses will be running.

Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation in this difficult situation and I wish you a safe and hopefully restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D Juric', written over the printed name.

Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

