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Dear Parents,

Now we have all digested the news of the National Lockdown, I wanted to give you some further information.

[Information for families in receipt of Free School Meals:](#)

Oxfordshire County Council will be providing funding of £15.00 a week per eligible free school meal pupil. This will be sent out to you electronically in the form of a supermarket voucher from **schoolvouchers.com** every two weeks (value of £30.00 per child) from this Friday, 8th January until the end of half term on 19th February 2021. The supermarkets which will be accepting these vouchers will be the same ones that you could use for the winter voucher scheme.

When you receive the text message or email you will simply need to:

- Click on the link
- Select your desired supermarket

A voucher is then shown which can be taken in-store or used online.

It is therefore vital that we have your up-to-date mobile number and email address on our system so that the voucher can be sent through to you electronically and can be scanned easily at the supermarket you choose. If any of your details have changed recently, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that the amendments can be made before Thursday 7th January 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the new voucher scheme, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[Information for families who are accessing critical worker provision:](#)

If you have emailed or spoken to the school today to request a place for critical worker provision this is now confirmed- your child has a place.

Some important information to note:

- We will initially start by grouping the children into cohort bubbles, so for example, children from both Year 1 classes will be in one bubble together.
- Nursery and Reception children will be grouped in one *Foundation Stage bubble*.
- Children are not required to wear uniform but must wear sensible comfortable clothes and have a coat with them.
- Staff will be working on a rota system, so the children won't necessarily be with their usual staff.
- Children do not need to bring their PE kits.
- Children need to bring their book bags, lunch boxes and a drinks bottle.
- Children need to be dropped off at the middle doors into the blocks. Nursery children must be dropped at the main doors into the Foundation Stage Unit.
- Families must still adhere to the one-way system
- Any parents dropping off and collecting at times other than 8:30am and 3pm will need to come via the pedestrian entrance and use the intercom to be let into the grounds.
- The doors will not be open until 8:30am so please do not come onto the school site early.

- Children will be accessing the learning set by the class teachers which the children working from home will be doing too.
- If you haven't already emailed your ID to prove you are a critical worker, please bring this to Reception on your first day of accessing this provision.
- If you have provided your continuous ongoing provision requirements it is not necessary to inform us each week unless you need to change or update your booking requirement. If we do not hear from you, we will assume your original booking requirements are still needed. Please email the office by Wednesday at midday for the following week. This also applies to shift workers who are working with changing rotas.

Children must not come to school if they are unwell, showing any Covid symptoms or living within a household where someone is awaiting test results or has tested positive.

Online learning for children staying at home:

The class teachers will have posted a message on the class blog outlining the times of the live lessons and which group your child is in. If you have trouble accessing your account then please contact the school office initially.

We appreciate that for some families you won't be able to access the live lessons as there may be a couple of siblings sharing the same device, so teachers will be recording all the live lessons to post on the class blogs for your child to watch at a suitable time. Please let us know if you are struggling with technology.

Finally, it is going to be potentially trying times for everyone and you can only do what you can. The main priority is to stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman
Head Teacher