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Dear Parents,

Let me begin by thanking all of you who so swiftly responded to our urgent request yesterday to complete the Google Form, your efficiency certainly supported our planning process. Following the Prime Minister's announcement, we worked as quickly as we could to communicate details to you, but the stars were far from aligned when Teachers2Parents froze – however, the powers of social media and the internet came to our rescue and later in the evening after the volume of 'traffic' through Teachers2Parents settled, I was relieved that everyone received my letter.

Another day and hopefully, a little more clarity...I know that our remote learning and keyworker vulnerable pupils package is not the same as the face-to-face wonderful world of WJS but let me assure you that we will all continue to provide the very best provision possible because WJS is fortunate to have a Dream Team. Continued engagement in learning remains statutory regardless of where the learning is completed and as such it is essential that all pupils complete the work set – this will support their progress and transition back to school after half term.

In light of the responses we have received, we have been able to formulate further plans which I wanted to share with you all as soon as possible.

Key details for all learners:

- Safeguarding and our children's well-being is ALWAYS our top priority and we are contactable as usual to discuss any worries or concerns you may have regardless of if your child is attending school or not!
- All children will complete the same learning provided by teachers and facilitated by parents for those at home, and school staff for those attending school.
- Free School Meals – we are waiting full details regarding FSM arrangements and will forward to those families as soon as we are able although we are led to believe there will be weekly food parcels.

Key details for remote learners:

- Quality remote learning will be set daily through ClassDojo which the children are all familiar with and enables staff to give feedback and support electronically. A number of parents have enquired about 'live' delivery and we will be doing our very best to make our provision as varied and interactive as possible whilst staffing also the in-school provision (if you do not have an exercise book, please feel free to collect one from the box under the gazebo on the front playground as required but please avoid our drop-off and pick-up times to minimise contact with others).
- If you (or your child) have any questions regarding the learning set, your first means of communication is through the ClassDojo message feature. Responses will be as efficient as

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possible but please be aware that teachers will have some face-to face commitments in school as well as remote responses so these may not be immediate. As always, if you require any urgent support, please call the school as usual as admin and senior staff will be available to help you.

- All home learners are asked to register at 9.00am by responding to the virtual question asked by their class teacher.

Key details for **in-school learners** (children of key workers and vulnerable children):

- We have arranged for all pupils requiring in-school provision to be allocated a set year group bubble with no more than 15 pupils and bubbles of staff teams on a rota to minimise mixing and support learning provision.
- Parents need to confirm in advance which days they require in-school provision – please do this by completing the [Google Form](#) and if arrangements change or you are on a rota, please email us (ideally on a weekly basis) to keep us informed.
- As a result of reduced numbers, ALL pupils will enter the school site via the side gate and on to the front playground between **8.30am and 8.50am**; we continue to request all parents follow the current safety measures including social distancing, masks etc. Pupils will follow a one-way system and enter the school building through allocated doors to avoid bubble mixing (staff will be on hand to direct as always!) At the end of the school day (which will now be between **3.00pm and 3.15pm** for all year groups) we will continue our current one way system and bubbles will be lined up on the back playground for collection – pupils with permission to walk home/leave the site unaccompanied will be dismissed first and then parents will collect as currently the case – again staff will direct as required.
- HC3S school meals are available to all children and will be provided as usual to those attending school (although the menu may be modified), or your child may bring a packed lunch.
- Children attending school should wear their school uniform but may wish to wear an extra layer (vest/skin).
- Children should bring school equipment, water bottles and PE kits etc into school as usual.

For your information and to offer a little further support, the government have suggested that parents consider use of a childcare support bubble which was not a facility available in the last National Lockdown: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household>

I hope this letter gives the immediate details required, there will inevitably be questions and updates which we will respond to as quickly as possible, and I thank you for your continued support and patience.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman
Headteacher