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31.12.20 **Important COVID-19 Update – Term 3 Reopening of Primary Schools**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you managed to have a relaxing Christmas break and are planning a safe family New Year's Eve celebration at home this evening. Our thoughts continue to be with the families of children and staff who have been directly affected by positive COVID-19 test results and symptoms.

You are likely to be aware that following the National News update yesterday, the Government has announced further COVID-19 Tier restrictions, which include the delay in fully reopening some Primary Schools in the Tier 4 areas where there are very high infection/transmission rates.

Medway is included on the list of areas where Primary Schools will remain closed, (initially until 18th January), for all children except those defined as Vulnerable and those of Critical Workers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are a Critical Worker and there will be **no-one** in your household working at home from Tuesday 5th January (the start of Term 3 for pupils at Thames View), please contact the school office via e-mail office@thamesviewprimary.medway.sch.uk by **10am** on Monday 4th January, to request a place in a Vulnerable/Critical Worker year group bubble. Please remember to state your child's name, class and which days you will require your child/ren to attend school.

Start and finish times for Vulnerable/Critical Worker children in each year group will be as for Term 2.:

YR, Y2, Y4 & Y6 - 8.40am-3.05pm (1.05pm on Friday, unless staying for Friday Club)

Y1, Y3 & Y5 - 8.50am-3.15pm (1.15pm on Friday, unless staying for Friday Club)

Nursery AM and PM session times will remain the same for any existing Critical Worker Nursery children. Admission and induction sessions for those children due to start Nursery in January 2021 will be postponed until further notice.

Vulnerable and Critical Worker children attending an 'in-school' bubble are expected to wear school uniform and be dropped off/collected at the set year group times. Thank you.

There will be a limited number of staff on site in each bubble during the first two weeks of term. Teachers will continue to provide remote learning activities via Tapestry/Edmodo to all but the minority of Vulnerable/Critical Worker children attending school. It is the expectation that **all** those children remaining at home will engage in at least three-four hours of learning per school day from Tuesday 5th January. If you require paper learning packs for your child/ren please contact the school office.

I will of course keep you informed of further developments over the next two weeks.

With all best wishes for 2021.

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Head of School

