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Dear parent / carer

Further to this morning's letter and the Prime Minister's subsequent broadcast this evening Government guidance has changed yet again and we are now CLOSED until at least February half term, including our Nursery.

Key Workers and Vulnerable children

School will open for Key Workers and Vulnerable children only from Wednesday, 6 January. This will allow us to plan staffing rotas based upon the numbers of children involved and their ages.

If you are already known to us as a Key Worker because you used this facility during the summer then you only have to **communicate that you want a place to your child's class teacher via Dojo or Tapestry, by 11.00am please.**

If you are a Key Worker and new to the school, or you have not used this provision before, then we will also need to see proof of employment to ensure that you have Key Worker status. This can be emailed to the school office on office.3262@st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk Again, **by 11.00am please.**

Vulnerable children are children who have a social worker and we will contact you to see if you require a place at school. We will be in contact regularly during the School Closure.

Distance Learning

Distance Learning will commence **tomorrow from 10.00am** and we anticipate that there will be an English, Maths and art activity initially. We will use Tapestry (Early Years) and Dojo (Year 1 to Year 6) to communicate with you, and hope to begin to use Google Classroom soon with Key Stage 2, once we have been able to circulate passwords.

Today, 38 Chromebooks were delivered from the Department for Education and we hope to issue these to parents of children whom struggled to engage with Home Learning during the last Lockdown. There is setting up and preparation to do but we will get them to you as soon as we can – we will contact you.

Wrap Around

Breakfast Club and Wrap Around is available for children of Key Workers only. **Please let us know if you need this when you confirm your place at school.**

Free School Meals

As soon as we know what the latest guidance is we will once again provide food vouchers to those who are eligible. If you think that you are now eligible when you haven't been before, please contact the school office.

Headteacher; Mr N Blackwell BSc NPQH



Health

Please follow all Health advice as it is updated and try to minimise contact with others in order to limit the spread of this virus. We should not see any children out on their own or with friends during this time.

Please DO NOT send children to school if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 and arrange to get a test as soon as possible. If you have been in contact with someone who tests positive then self-isolate as per the guidance.

Our Staff

We will do our best for all St Leonard's children and families during this time. Please remember that our staff, too, have their own children who need home schooling, and families whom they have to support. If things don't go quite to plan, please communicate with us politely and we will do everything we can to help.

This is without doubt the biggest challenge that we have faced yet. In the summer the whole School Community pulled together and made us proud. Let's work together for the sake of our children – to keep them happy, balanced and to continue their learning. If you need any support whatsoever please don't hesitate to ask and we will either help you the best we can or signpost you to someone who can.

Very best wishes,

Neil Blackwell

Head Teacher

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