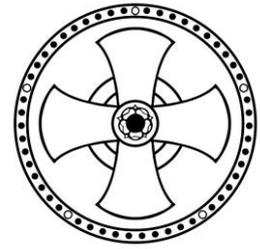




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Re: Key Worker and Vulnerable Children Support – Reporting Absences

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the close of another day of both remote learning and support in school, thanks again for all that you are doing to help the children at home. Teachers have been really moved by the messages you have sent in to them about how useful many of you are finding their efforts and how well the children are responding. I've given further guidance to staff today regarding flexibility over the resources that they use to teach remotely. This comes from a concern I have over screen use for both staff and children. Moving forward, children can still expect Zoom Registrations in the morning where they can see each other and their teacher, but also a wider variety of resources from Zoom, YouTube and Oak Academy allowing for more flexibility and less time directly on screen. I also think that this is more sustainable considering the potential length of lockdown. Teachers are best placed to be making these resourcing choices considering the topics and needs of their group. Sometimes you'll find there are no changes at all and Zoom lessons remain three times per day, at others, you'll be directed to alternate resources via PING and the Remote Learning page. As always, we will constantly review what it is that we are doing.

You won't be surprised to learn that I've had more correspondence from parents and carers who wish to use the Key Worker and Vulnerable Student support in school. Can I ask that if you asked for this and now no longer need it, that you contact me so that I can look again at this provision? I am currently at capacity for the number of staff I have based on numbers collated over the weekend, but I do also wish to be fair. If you know you no longer need the place that I've allocated, please let me know.

On this note, if your child has been allocated a place in the Key Worker or Vulnerable Child provision but is not going to attend due to sickness, please ring into the school office as normal and let us know.

Lastly, Year 5 Science remote lessons will be based around the topic of life cycles and reproduction beginning with plants and moving forward with mammals. Please be aware that these sessions are not sex education (we would not be teaching such topics remotely and would not look to be teaching this subject prior to sending suitable notice).

With warm wishes,

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