

# Uplands Junior School

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4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to wish you all Happy New Year and I hope to find you are all well.

Since March 2020 we have worked tirelessly to ensure that education has not stopped for pupils at Uplands Junior School. As you are aware there is a new variant of the virus circulating and the numbers of cases in Wolverhampton continues to rise each day and because of this Unions have given advice to all staff working in education.

We held an Emergency Governor meeting this morning and after discussion the following provision will be in place at Uplands:

- 3GD – All children to attend
- 3NJH – All children to attend
- 3SW – All children to attend
- 4FR – All children to attend
- 4AS – All children to attend
- 4OD – All children to attend
- 5KD - Closed to all pupils except vulnerable and pupils of critical workers (Remote learning via Google classrooms provided)
- 5NH - Closed to all pupils except vulnerable and pupils of critical workers (Remote learning via Google classrooms provided)
- 5BW - Closed Mon, Tues and Wed except for vulnerable and pupils of critical workers (All children to come into school Thursday and Friday)
- 6FG - Closed to all pupils except vulnerable and pupils of critical workers (Remote learning via Google classrooms provided)
- 6LR - Closed to all pupils except vulnerable and pupils of critical workers (Remote learning via Google classrooms provided)
- 6NR – All children to attend

**Toast and After school club will run as normal for those pupils in school**

There will be remote learning provided for pupils who are not able to attend via Google Classrooms platform starting tomorrow 5<sup>th</sup> January. (Please see the remote learning guide in the google classroom tab on the school website for further information and expectations around engaging with and completing work)

Children of **critical workers** from the above classes will be able to **request** a place at school. We ask that you consider whether your job role is critical to the fight against COVID as places will be **very limited** in order to comply with Union guidance. In the first instance, places will be available prioritised to pupils of NHS workers, education workers, carers, and social care.

Please contact the school office on 01902 558870 to give your child's name and your job role before 3pm today 4<sup>th</sup> January. A place will be confirmed on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and then critical workers provision will begin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. If you have, another adult in your household that can be at home during this time your child should stay at home.

Please can we request that if possible, children attending school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January bring in a packed lunch from home. There will be a limited provision from Chartwells for tomorrow and arrangements for meals for the remainder of the week will be communicated to you tomorrow. Arrangements for pupils working from home who are in receipt of FSM will also be sent to you tomorrow.

I am aware of the very short notice of these decisions that we have had to make, but I am responding to an ever changing situations which none of us want to be in.

These arrangements will be under constant review and any further changes will be communicated as soon as possible. The above arrangements are for the next 2 school weeks as a minimum.

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times.

Mrs S Webster- Smith  
Headteacher

