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### Our Ref: Delay to Whole School Reopening

Monday, 04 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope that you had a restful Christmas break and that all of our families remain safe and well during these uncertain times.

As you are no doubt aware, there is extensive media coverage surrounding the reopening of schools for the spring term. Different areas of the country have been placed in different tiers and with a new variant of COVID-19 there have been questions raised by organisations representing staff regarding the safe return to school for staff and pupils.

School has remained closed today to allow us to take into consideration Local Authority guidance as well as to update and implement current risk assessment actions in order to support us to move forward in the safest possible way.

After meeting with our Chair of Governors and senior leaders, **school will be open from Tuesday 5th January for children of key workers (where both parents classed as key workers or a single parent household with a key worker parent) and Vulnerable Children only (children with EHCP, social worker and those with additional needs). All other pupils will be provided with remote learning to enable them to work from home. We will review the situation with the aim to open to all children on Monday 18th January.**

We would ask parents of key workers and vulnerable children to complete the form (see attached) and return it by the end of the school day to [enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk) if you feel that you meet the criteria and you would like to take up a place for your child.

Breakfast Club will continue to operate from 8am for children who usually attend Breakfast Club. Our After School Club will only run daily until 4pm (a booking form will be sent out to families later today for those key worker and vulnerable children). Staggered drop off and pick up times as well as entrances/exits will remain the same as last term.

Remote learning will be via our Tapestry app for all other children. If you are having difficulties accessing Tapestry, please contact the school office on 01207 502938. We will also be publishing guidance for Tapestry via our website and Facebook page.

We are currently in the process of working out provision for those entitled to Free School Meals who will not be in school. We are also considering arrangements for those children who are due to start our Nursery this term too and we will be in touch regarding arrangements.

We apologise for the delay- in providing information- but I am sure that you are aware that this situation is constantly changing. We appreciate your support throughout this very challenging time.

Bernadette



## KEY WORKER/VULNERABLE CHILDREN INFORMATION SHEET

### KEY WORKER INFORMATION SHEET APPLICATION FOR ALLOCATED PUPIL PLACE

**We would ask you to contact the government website for the most up to date information on key worker status.**

**Please provide the information below, if you feel key worker status can be applied to your situation and return to school via email at:**

[enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thegroveprimaryschool.co.uk)

***Please only complete either Key Worker or Vulnerable children box (not both)***

#### PUPIL DETAILS

Name of Pupil

Year Group

Class

#### KEY WORKER DETAILS

Key Worker Group

Job Title

Please identify your role

Person 1  
Name

Person 2 (if applicable)  
Name

Additional comments

Date

Signature

Print Name

Contact telephone  
number

Relationship to child

#### Vulnerable Children

**Child's name:**

**Please tick the relevant statement:**

- My child has an EHCP
- My child has a social worker
- My child has additional needs