



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you to update you on our plans for the coming days and weeks following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday night.

School is open for the children of Key Workers and those children who are vulnerable

It is important to note that we are still open for children whose parents/carers are Key Workers or for children who are vulnerable and whom school will be especially important to at the moment.

Yesterday, this meant that there were 50 children in school and we expect that number to increase to close to 80 by the end of this week. These children are taught in small bubbles of between 10 and 20 children, with two adults, following all of the safety procedures that were in place from Sep to Dec.

If you are a Key Worker and you require a place for your child/ren, please contact the school office between 8am and 11am to let us know your child's name and why you are classed as a Key Worker.

We have a list of the children who are classed as Vulnerable and have tried to contact all the parents/carers of children on the list to offer them a place.

Breakfast Club for Key Worker and Vulnerable children (KWV)

From today, we are providing a simple breakfast of toast and jams for all KWV children who need one. These are being served in the children's classroom where they are being taught that day.

Breakfast Club during lockdown is free to all that need it and starts at 8pm. The children should come through the main school gate and through the front porch door.

Lunch times for KWV

If your child is attending school because they are a KWV child **AND** they normally bring a packed lunch or pay for a meal, they should continue to do so. This week the paid meals will be a cold sandwich and snacks, but from next week we will be running our normal hot meal menu in the hall.

If your child normally qualifies for a school meal, either because they are in Reception, Yr 1 or Yr 2 or get a free school meal or because they are Nursery, Yr 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you qualify through the Universal Credit system they should continue to choose a school meal from the menu as normal.

Start and Pick Up times for KWV children

For this week only, as we set things up, the start time for children not going to breakfast club will be 9 am and the pick-up time will be 3.20 pm. There will be a letter coming home with your child tonight letting you know the specific timings for the following weeks.

Home Learning for KWV children

The children at school will have undertaken the work that is online with support from their teachers in the classroom, so do NOT need to do this at home. They should practice their basic skills on games such as TTRockstars.

School is closed for all other children

From Tuesday, 5th Jan to, at least, Friday, 12th Feb, school will be closed to all children who are not KWV.

Home Learning

From today, we will be providing home learning materials for all children who are not at school, using our online platform, ClassKick.

Unlike Lockdown 1, there is now an expectation from the Government that children will be given between 2 and 3 hours of learning every day. That means rather than setting your child work to do over the course of a week, we will now be setting them work daily.

Every day we will publish the codes your child will need to access that day's learning on our website at 9 am. The table will look like this.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
JHS ZFE	84C BZZ	EB7 AD9 and PD4 PNG	8FD SG4	DLI SWY	7OS YHW

Unlike Lockdown 1, there is also an expectation that a teacher will be on hand to help your child if they would like their work to be checked or if they would like any help.

For that reason, each day there will be a member of the teaching staff, working from home, logged on to ClassKick, ready to help your child. Staff will be online between 9 am and 3.20 pm and we hope that they will be able to support you throughout the day as needed.

What if my child is in Early Years?

If your child is in Early Years but is not a KWV child they will be at home and we will be using Tapestry to communicate with you. You should already be familiar with Tapestry as I know many of you login weekly to look at your child's progress.

The staff in Early Years will be setting learning challenges for your child to attempt at home each day and there will be a member of staff working from home to help you if you get stuck.

What will my child be learning?

This week, the challenges on Tapestry and the exercises on ClassKick will be based on the topics your child started on Monday this week.

Next week, and the two weeks that follow, your child will be set challenges to help their Reading, Writing and Maths.

What are Chilli Challenges?

When your child is working on Reading, Writing and Maths challenges you will see that there are three 'levels' of work, Mild, Hot and Very Hot. Your child may well be used to this type of work and should be able to tell you which level of challenge they would normally do at school.

A good rule of thumb would be that if your child copes well with the work they do in their class they should be looking at Hot. If they find the work in class quite hard then they should try the Mild work. Children who want that extra challenge should try the Very Hot work.

Help with technology

Over the next few days, staff at school will be phoning families that we think might be struggling with the technology to access online learning. They will be offering to help with:

- pre-paid SIM cards with 20GB of data
- boosting the amount of data your current mobile phone network provides
- providing a school iPad or Laptop

If you have not heard from school and you are struggling with the technology to access online learning please call the school office between 8 am and 11 am each day or email me at martin.lumb@hunsletcarr.co.uk letting me know your name, your child's name and how we can help you.

Free School Meal Provision

If your child normally qualifies for a school meal, because they qualify through the Universal Credit system then we are providing packed lunches throughout this Lockdown.

School staff will be delivering food in the neighbourhood on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will be following the route below.

- 11.30 - Outside the Prospect Pub on Moore Road
- 11.50 - Bottom of Winrose Avenue
- 12.00 - Outside Victoria House at the top of East Grange Rise
- 12.10 - Woodville Square
- 12.25 - Outside Windmill Stores
- 12.45 - Belle Isle Club car park
- 1.00 - Middleton Circus car park

Support for all of our families at this time

We are here for all of our families during this very challenging time, and do not want you to struggle in silence.

If there are things you need support with such as:

- clothes for the children
- food vouchers for food banks
- talking to someone to stop the feeling of isolation
- help with Domestic Abuse or Domestic Violence
- help with housing issues.

Please contact us as we are there for you. Our amazing team are available and you only need to send them a text and they will call you back.

Lauren Dean – 07483 326664

Andy Hinchcliffe – 07483 326666

Lisa Lilly – 07483 326667

I am very sorry that the situation in the country has led to this situation again. Can I say how much all the staff will miss the children during this coming lockdown. You are all in our thoughts and we hope you and your families can remain safe.

Take care and stay safe
Martin Lumb