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Dear Parent/Carer

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) continues to spread, and we enter our third lockdown, we would like to once again clarify how we are responding to the global health crisis, and the steps that we can all take to reduce the spread of coronavirus, while continuing to run school for a reduced capacity of pupils. If children can stay safely at home, **they should**, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. Many parents working in the 'key' sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home - and every child who can be safely cared for at home, should be.

### What you can do to reduce infections spreading

You should encourage your children to wash their hands often and thoroughly with soap and water. In particular, after going to the toilet and before eating or handling food. In addition, please ensure that your child:

- Covers their mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not hands) when they cough or sneeze;
- Puts any used tissues in the bin straightaway and washes their hands immediately after handling used tissues;
- Tries to avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth if they have not washed their hands recently;
- Tries to avoid close contact with people who are unwell;
- Follows the 'Hands, Face & Space' and 'Stay at Home' Government message (whenever possible).

### Remote Learning

On the days your child is not attending school, their learning will move to online teaching (available from tomorrow Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January), which can be located via our school website:

<http://chancelprimary.co.uk> following the pathway:

- **Our School**
- **About Our School**
- **Home Learning**

Children who are in school will be supervised in 'bubbles', following the same online learning organised by teachers. For the remainder of this week, teachers will provide children with interim learning tasks; while preparing full online interactive learning activities to start next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, the interactive learning schedules will be available on a weekly basis, for the duration of this lockdown.

### Breakfast Club

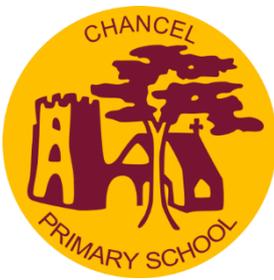
If your child is registered with Breakfast Club, they may continue to use this service. It is with regret however, that we will be unable to offer After School Care at this time.

### Drop-Off and Collection

Children who are not registered with Breakfast Club, should arrive in school at 8.55am, entering the building through the atrium by Nursery. All pupils must be collected from the atrium at 3.20pm. All

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supervising parents/carers must be wearing a mask when on site, and observe social distancing. No parents will be permitted access to the school building at this time.

### **Non-Uniform**

Children will not be expected to wear school uniform, when attending school during lockdown; it is also advisable that trainers are worn, enabling your child/ren to safely participate in sporting activities.

### **Break and Lunch-Time**

We would encourage you to send a healthy snack for your child to consume at break-time (as fruit and milk is currently unavailable), along-with a personalised water bottle. Hot school dinners can continue to be ordered through the usual channels; however, the menu will be limited.

### **Pupil Wellbeing**

Pupils' experiences of lockdown will vary. For some, it will mostly be a safe and enjoyable time. For others, it will prove challenging or traumatic. In light of this, we are committed to supporting our pupils' mental health and wellbeing. Each year group will continue to communicate with each other, and their teaching staff, through the class blogs – they will also be able to access a whole-school wellbeing blog (enabling them to make contact with our school community), these blogs are available through Purple-Mash. A series of mind-set activities are available for your child/ren to access (see the school website), and weekly RSHE (Relationships, Social & Health Education) activities will be planned as part of your child's interactive learning schedule. We will also be trialing an online weekly celebration assembly, via Zoom – details will be available in the weekly Chirper and on the school app, which will continue to be updated on a weekly basis.

With the planned rollout of the vaccinations, we are hoping that it won't be too long before we can all be back together again, as a whole-school community.

Keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

*T Blankley*

Mrs T Blankley  
**HEADTEACHER**

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