

Dear Parents/ Carers and Children,

We are all still slightly stunned by the announcement from Boris Johnson last night that we will now be closed to the majority of children until at least half term – this was not at all what we were expecting, particularly as the previous day he had said something very different. However this is where we are and we need to move forward as best we can.

From emails that we have received this morning, it is clear that some parents are unsure about what happens now. We remain open to the children of Critical Workers, the children who have EHC Plans and the children who are vulnerable. A number of parents have now requested Critical Worker places and we are in contact with these parents. We are not able to offer any more places at this time, as we need to restrict the number of children in each class for the safety of the children and the staff.

It was lovely to see some of the children back this morning, just very disappointing that we were not able to welcome all of the children.

I hope that the majority of children working from home were able to log in successfully this morning and access the welcome message from their year group teacher and the home learning. I know that there have been some teething problems and we are working hard to resolve these.

Year 2, I am aware that you were not able to access the welcome this morning, but it is now available on Seesaw, so please follow the link to hear Mr Rob.

A minority of children were not able to access Seesaw as their passwords were no longer valid – Mrs Ingrey has reset the passwords of the children that we know about – if your child is having difficulty accessing Seesaw please email the school office and we will reset their passwords.

There seems to be a problem accessing Bug Club from some devices. We have been in contact with Pearson, who provide this service, and they think it is a problem with cookies. I have attached a guide from them that they think will solve the problem. If you are still experiencing difficulties once you have followed the steps in the guide please contact the school office.

Today is the first day of our live feedback sessions, unfortunately the Reception Class feedback session will not take place this week as Mrs Ezinwa, who is supporting the home learning, has tested positive for COVID and has a severe cough making it too difficult for her to talk to the children. She has managed to record a story today, but will not be able to do this going forward. We are hoping to be able to record the story that Mr Hunter is reading to the children in school that can be shared with the children at home.

That's all for now, but we will keep in contact.

Thank you for your support