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Wellbeing Award for Schools 5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will all be aware, schools are now closed for most children for a period of at least 6 weeks, which will take us up to February half term.

Remote Learning

As of tomorrow, for the majority of children, we will change to remote learning.

When teaching children remotely, the government expects schools to:

- set learning so that children have meaningful work each day across a number of different subjects
- > set learning that is for a minimum of 3 hours per day
- provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos
- have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether children are engaging with their work, and inform parents/carers immediately where engagement is a concern
- gauge how well children are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback.

Your child's log in details for Seesaw and Google are in their school diary. If your child's diary is still in school, someone will contact you today with this information. If your child does not have their login details, please contact the school office on 01270 814040 or <u>admin@monkscoppenhall.cheshire.sch.uk</u>

During the previous national lockdown, we were a designated childcare provider. However, this time, schools are expected to do remote learning and therefore there is an expectation for children to complete the tasks set each day. As you can appreciate, it does take some time for remote learning to be set up. Although some learning has been posted online today for some of the classes, it will officially start from tomorrow. Anyone requiring a paper copy of the work should contact the school office via email

admin@monkscoppenhall.cheshire.sch.uk to arrange collection.

Key Workers

For any Key Workers who have not already booked a place for their child, please contact the school office via the following email: admin@monkscoppenhall.cheshire.sch.uk

Please note that government guidance states that children should only be in school where it is absolutely necessary. For example, if a parent/carer only works 3 days per week then your child/children should only attend school 3 days per week.

Other Eligible Children

For all other children eligible to attend school, parents/carers will be contacted via email or telephone today to offer a place. Should your circumstances change, please do not hesitate to contact us.

New School Times

The expectation is that the children attending school are in for the full school day. Children can arrive between 8.45am and 9am, and the collection time will be 3pm. Reception and Key Stage One children can use their normal entrance. Children in Year 5/6 will need to use the main entrance, and Year 3/4 children will use the Monks Museum Entrance (the first entrance after the staff car park). There will be staff on hand to direct the children.

Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

Currently Breakfast and Afterschool clubs will be open as normal for Key Worker children **ONLY.** Please note usual charges will apply.

- Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am 8.45am
- > Afterschool Club is open from 3.00pm 5.45pm

Free School Meals

During the period of national lockdown, schools will continue to provide meal options for all children who are in school. Meals will be available free of charge to all Early Years and Key Stage 1 children, and Key Stage 2 children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals if they are attending school.

Cheshire East Catering Team will be providing food parcels for children who are eligible for benefits related free school meals who are not attending school. If your child is eligible, a food parcel will be ordered for you. Please note that parents/carers will be required to collect the weekly food parcels from school. Please email the following link if you **DO NOT** require a food parcel.

freeschoolmeals@monkscoppenhall.cheshire.sch.uk

Electronic Devices

Some children will be eligible for loaned electronic devices from school and parents/carers of these children will be contacted to collect a device in the very near future. Any other parents/carers requiring a loaned device for their child should contact the school on

devices@monkscoppenhall.cheshire.sch.uk

We will do our utmost to accommodate your request. However, please be aware that we do have a limited number of devices and this will take a little while to organise.

We will endeavour to give you regular updates as we receive them. We appreciate your continuous support and hope that you all keep safe and well during this very challenging and difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Simpson Principal