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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on School Opening

I am writing to give you some key details to help make the start of term run as smoothly as possible. It is expected that this provision will be in place until February half term as a minimum. Obviously, this is not the start to term that we would have hoped, with the majority of the children working remotely and school only being open to critical worker children and vulnerable pupils.

Critical Worker and Vulnerable Pupils

Thank you to those of you who have responded and asked for a place for your child. School will be open from **8.45am to 3.15pm** and the children will be going in to their existing class bubbles. This means they will be using the same entry and exit points as we have been since September :

Minnows and Tiddlers – Staff car park

Sticklebacks – Staff car park

Seahorses – Main gate

Stingrays – Main gate

Sharks – Gate on Old School Lane

Please ensure that you wear a face covering and adhere to social distancing measures when dropping off or collecting and that only one adult accompanies the child.

Food Provision

KS1/Reception universal free school meal – school dinner provided

Eligible for a free school meal in KS2 – school dinner provided

All those who have ordered and paid for a meal – school dinner provided

All other children will need to bring a pack lunch

We are awaiting further correspondence from Fresh Start regarding future provision and this will be communicated to you as soon as possible. This also applies to those families eligible for free school meals whose children are working remotely at home and not in school.

Bus Transport

Heyfordian will be running bus transport for those children in school who require it and we confirm that all stops will be used on the usual route to and from school.



Remote Learning

For the children in Sticklebacks, Seahorses, Stingrays and Sharks who are learning remotely at home we will be setting work through **Microsoft Teams** in line with the national guidance, mirroring what is delivered in school. Children will receive 3 core activities a day, with a face to face (remote) contact daily and extra activities to complete via TT rockstars, Maths Shed and Spelling Shed. In Minnows and Tiddlers, this will be slightly different due to the nature of the learning and activities will be set through Tapestry. There will be contact remotely for the children via Microsoft Teams daily.

Please see the attached document which outlines our provision and the timings for live interaction with the class teacher. Where sessions are 'live' they will be recorded and can be requested if you should need them to fit around parents' work patterns.

If you are unsure of your child's login details then please contact the office.

Projects will be sent out next week to augment the education provision for all children, alongside a timetable of the week's structure to enable you to see what is being taught.

Other Information

As with the previous lockdown in March, we will not be offering any wrap around care before or after school and all clubs and music provision will not be resuming in school during this term.

Due to all children not being in school we have decided to postpone our vision week until later in the year.

We will keep you fully informed of any further information and look forward to all our pupils returning as soon as possible.

If you have any issues or difficulties please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do all we can to support you during these hard times.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Hart
Headteacher

