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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading my Parent Hub post yesterday evening following the government announcement that schools can only open for the children of Key Workers and those with an Educational Health Care Plan. As you know, we have a large number of children at Unsworth that fit into these categories and both Mr Vidler and Mrs Hutchinson have worked across the day to respond to parent queries so that we have been able to put together an overview of the numbers in each class.

For children who are in school, we will be maintaining our year group bubbles, with each class teacher providing daily teaching and additional adults supporting. The staggered start and end times to the day remain the same, but as referenced in my message last night, there will be no Before and After School Club provision. All children should come to school in their school uniform, with their water bottle and book bag. The school kitchen is open and will be providing hot meals to all those children who usually have a hot meal, but there will be a reduced menu which will be shared with parents once it has been made available by catering. All usual break and lunch timings will remain the same, as will the enhanced cleaning regime that we have had in place through our additional cleaner who works across the day and the daily use in all spaces of our sanitising fogging machine. Children should still come in their own clothes on their usual PE day to undertake their PE sessions.

For those children who will be working at home we will now start to move into a remote learning offer from tomorrow, which has a blended approach. This will consist of the different elements that we have developed across the last 6 months. In the morning, each class teacher will send a Parent Hub at 9.30 with instructions and an overview of activities/tasks for Wednesday-Friday. These activities and tasks will match what the children in school will be doing this week. A physical pack for those children who are working at home will be created over the next few days to support learning at home. The pack will contain exercise books, specific equipment such as a whiteboard, text books etc that will support learning at home. These will be ready for collection from Monday and further information on how to collect these will be sent out by the end of the week.

On Thursday I will be doing a short assembly for each group of children who are at home from each class via Microsoft Teams and on Friday adults in school will be providing two Microsoft Teams sessions to those children undertaking remote learning, so they have an opportunity to interact with each other and their class adults. From Monday our full online part of our remote learning offer will be in place for children at home to access. As a staff we are currently putting this together so that all children who are working from home have access to a blend of daily live teams sessions from their class teacher and/or other class adults, teaching video clips, resource links and teams assignments for use alongside their physical pack. On Friday we will be sending out a timetable for those children who are working from home which gives an overview of when the live daily sessions will take place so parents can see what the week looks like. This timetable will also appear in your child's Microsoft Teams calendar.

It is really important that children access their home learning and class teachers will start to monitor this next week as they would usually do in school. For children, contact remotely with their peers and adults during this next lockdown is really important. If any parents have difficulties with a lack of technology at home or other





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barriers I would ask that you make contact with school so that we can look at ways to support individual circumstances where possible. For Reception Parents I will be holding Microsoft Teams training sessions on Thursday via zoom and logins will be sent out on Thursday evening. I will provide more information about this tomorrow. Across this week I will also continue to provide you with any key updates, as will individual class teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of myself and the staff for your continued support in helping us to support our community. These are still challenging and unprecedented times for all families and we must continue to work together to move forward in this next phase of the pandemic.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Rhodes

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Head teacher

