

Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Families,

Re: Remote Learning and Critical Worker Provision Update

Thank You

Firstly, all the staff at Longmoor wish to 'Thank You' for your patience and understanding over the past 48-hours while we have come to terms with the news regarding how schools will be operating – at least until February half term.

Children who can Attend School

May I remind you that:

If your child can be at home, they should be at home. School is safe; however, home is still the safest place for your child to be.

We have capacity for a small number of children. The national guidance is very clear that **only** children who meet specific criteria can be accommodated in school:

- Children who have an EHCP or an allocated Social Worker;
- Children whose parents are Critical/Key Workers, as defined by the Government's list; we may ask for proof of this.

As mentioned above, even for Critical/Key Workers, sending your child to school is a last resort. If you absolutely must, we have now been advised that they should be in school for as small amount of time as possible; for example, if you are a key worker who works Monday to Wednesday, these are the only days your child should attend. They should be at home on Thursday and Friday. Arrangements can be made for shift workers or those who work for only part of the school day.

Catering for these children, we are **currently at our safe working capacity in most year groups** so please do not ask if we can accommodate children outside of these criteria as refusal may offend!

What if I Need a Place for My Child in Future Weeks?

If any places become available or guidance that impacts upon our Risk Assessment changes, then parents may have the opportunity to apply for a place. If this is the case, a GoogleForm will be sent to you on a Wednesday to be complete by noon on Thursday to start the following Monday (I hope that makes sense!).

Education is Compulsory

The Government and Local Authority have been quite clear in stating that the education of all children will continue so there is an expectation that all children learning from home engage with the learning that is provided for them. If you need advice to help support home learning for your child, please email keepintouch@longmoorcps.co.uk

If children are not engaging with learning activities at home, then Senior Teachers will contact you, possibly completing Home Visits to see how we can support you.

Devices and WiFi

School can assist families if they do not access to the Internet due to issues with WiFi; we can also assist families who do not have a 'device' (iPad, Tablet, Laptop or Computer) per child. If you need support with either of these areas, and have not yet informed school, please email keepintouch@longmoorcps.co.uk

Communicating with school.

The most effective way to communicate with school is via email.

Remote Learning

Each year group has a remote learning email address. This should be used to contact school if your query is directed to the teachers of your child's year group, with regards to a query about the learning activities that they are completing at home (including password reminders). Below is a table of the relevant emails for each year group:

Year Group	Email Address
Nursery	nrl@longmoorcps.co.uk
Reception	rrl@longmoorcps.co.uk
Year 1	1rl@longmoorcps.co.uk
Year 2	2rl@longmoorcps.co.uk
Year 3	3rl@longmoorcps.co.uk
Year 4	4rl@longmoorcps.co.uk
Year 5	5rl@longmoorcps.co.uk
Year 6	6rl@longmoorcps.co.uk

All Other Enquiries

All other enquires (as you might have noticed from earlier sections of this letter!!!) should be directed to keepintouch@longmoorcps.co.uk. During this period of Remote Learning for Most, this mailbox will be monitored daily and we will aim to respond to emails within 48 hours (2 working days).

Email communication should only be directed to these email addresses.

Free School Meals

We are waiting for final guidance with regards to those children entitled to a Free School Meal and further information will be sent to relevant families as soon as it is available.

Breakfast and After School Club

Currently, Breakfast and After School Club are running as normal for children who are attending school. Mrs. Evans is the school's point of contact if there are any questions or queries.

In this very challenging time, we as school are here to support you in any way that we can. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can help in any little way – we will always try to help our families and communities.

We will, of course, keep you updated with any developments via MarvellousMe and the school website.

Stay Safe Everybody; look after yourselves and each other.



Mr. Garside (Acting) Headteacher