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Sunday 10th January 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Goodness me, where do I start?! What a week! I'm sure you, like the staff, are upset with the latest turn of events: the increase in Coronavirus infection rates and deaths leading to the need for another national lockdown. I personally, possibly naively, didn't expect in March 2020 for the pandemic to be continuing into 2021, never mind having the situation more challenging than at its peak in April. On behalf of myself and the staff at Perry Court, I am very sorry if many of you are facing difficulties due to the situation we are now in. Please email or phone the school office, if there is any support we can offer: Tel: 01173 772078; email: receptionper@e-act.org.uk

Critical and Vulnerable Provision

We are currently working our way through requests for places from critical/keyworkers and making sure any child deemed vulnerable is also given a place while at the same time organising staffing for both the physical and virtual schools. There have been a huge number of requests for keyworker and vulnerable provision. Thank you for your patience waiting to hear if your child has a place in school. Everyone should now have received confirmation of the provision that can be offered to them. *Separate e-mails are being sent out to these families with more details on timings, uniform and lunch provision expectations later today.*

IT Device Allocation

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey. Please bear with us if we phone you to check whether every child in your household has a device (not a phone) and wi-fi connectivity. We have a few laptops on site and are awaiting a further delivery of several more and have had Tim Kent, local councillor, award some dongles (these enable wi-fi access) to the school today and are currently working on allocating laptops and dongles to those most in need. A huge thank you to Tim Kent for arranging delivery today of these dongles.

Should your child not have access to a device of their own and to a wi-fi connection then they need to come into the physical school. All children must either be in the physical school or accessing online learning daily.

Virtual School

We are currently using Tapestry (for nursery and reception children) and Seesaw for children in years 1 to 6 but will be moving to full live teaching for all year groups (including nursery) using the Teams platform. There are a number of benefits to this for parents: once children are logged on, it will then be over to teachers to deliver live lessons just as would be experienced in the physical classroom; no uploading of work by parents is needed; teachers can check immediately who is accessing lessons and check how they are getting on and offer support instantly.

Before all virtual school learning for everyone moves to live lessons using teams, two year groups will be trialling it from Wednesday (13th) i.e. **Miss Ferris will be live teaching all year 2 children not in the physical school and Miss Vasquez will be live teaching all year 5 not in the physical school.** These two year groups will use the lessons on Seesaw on Monday and Tuesday but from Wednesday, children in these year groups, will need to log onto lessons in teams. Details for parents and children regarding how to log onto/use teams will be sent out to year 2 and 5 parents ahead of Wednesday and then to the rest of the school ahead of a full school launch proposed for week 3 of term (week



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beginning 18th of January). This will be confirmed closer to the time as we would like to see how the trial goes first of all. An Acceptable Use Agreement in the form of a survey will be sent out shortly as this needs signed ahead of children using teams. Follow this link to complete now. [Pupil Participation and Acceptable Use Agreement](#).

Virtual School Expectations

Whether your child is learning on Seesaw, Tapestry or Teams the expectation is that children log onto their online learning platform by 9am and work on all activities set. If a child is not logged on (whatever the platform) at 9am, phone calls will be made to remind everyone of this requirement. Due to the amount of learning missed already by children in the previous academic year, we cannot afford to have children who are not in the physical school not logging on and accessing any learning. If lack of devices or wi-fi connectivity is an issue then they need to attend the physical school.

Timing of the Day

Physical school:

Start time – 8:40 to 9am; Finish time – 3:10pm to 3:30pm. A list of where year group bubbles are written on a flipchart sheet at the Mile Walk entrance. Staff are also around to direct anyone as needed. Exit remains via the Great Hayles Road gate. Please be prompt – we need to register children with the local council and the Department of Education by 9:15am.

Virtual school:

Children need to be up and ready to begin activities by 9am.

9:00-9:40	9:40-9:50	9:50-10:50	10:50-11:00	11:00-12:00	12:00-1:00	1:00-2:00	2:00-2:10	2:10-2:30
Reading or phonics lesson	Rest break	English lesson	Rest break	Maths lesson	Lunch	Curriculum	Rest break	Daily Reading (please log in reading record.)

Reading – Bug Club

To support with reading at home especially if not attending the physical school, we have subscribed to an online reading service called Bug Club. This subscription facilitates every child being set a book at their level and as well as helping with decoding it checks children’s understanding of what they have read. Login details will be sent out shortly.



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School Lunches/Free School Meals/Hampers/Vouchers

Hampers have been offered already to quite a few families and according to government updates there is likely to be a move to vouchers as before. Please ensure that if you are entitled to free school meals that the school office has your up-to-date email address.

School meals in the physical school are booked in the normal way i.e. via ParentPay and children continue to be offered a hot meal.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

These continue to be cancelled for the time being.

Thank you again for all your support and patience at this extremely challenging time.

Warmest regards,

Ms N Reynolds and the Perry Court Team



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