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Dear Parents/Carers

You will no doubt be aware that following the Prime Minister's statement last night, we have now gone back into a national lockdown.

This will mean that from Wednesday 6th January **all pupils** will be taught remotely until restrictions are lifted. The estimated date for review is February half term.

After the previous lockdown, staff have continued to use TEAMS for the setting of and receipt of homework, to ensure all children are able to access and complete using the online system. Whilst we appreciate some children will experience technical difficulties with connectivity and devices, we expect the vast majority of children to be able to engage effectively with online learning using TEAMS.

Teachers will be online and ready to teach your child from Wednesday 6th January at 9:15am in line with a timetable that will be issued today. This will ensure that pupils receive the expected educational diet across the full curriculum and do not fall behind in their learning. Where pupils have multiple lessons in one subject, the teacher will explain the plan for the week and the work expectations so that pupils are clear about what they need to do.

Teachers will be taking daily online registers to monitor the attendance of pupils in each class. If a pupil is absent without prior notification, a member of staff will contact you to ascertain the reason for the absence and offer support to get your child's learning back on track.

To safeguard our pupils online, we will be talking them through the following points to keep them safe. We would appreciate it if you could support us with these measures by talking them through with your child and helping him/her to understand their importance. We also politely request that the online learning is only viewed and engaged with by the child it is intended for, as images of other children will be visible on screen.

Live Lesson Safeguarding Measures:

- Please ensure before the lesson starts that you switch your camera on (if possible) to show your identity
- This is recommended for the first five minutes of the lesson or when the teacher asks you to show your image.
- You must not be in your bedroom but a shared space in your house
- You must wear appropriate clothing – no pyjamas, T-shirts with offensive slogans etc
- You should blur your background
- If you cannot switch your camera on then you must talk so that we can recognise your voice

Please note that:

- Everything you say is recorded and the recording is shared with the class
- The school behaviour policy is in effect
- You must inform the teacher if you leave the lesson
- Pupils re-posting or recording any part of the lesson is strictly prohibited

The school will continue to be open to the children of key workers, vulnerable learners and those pupils on Education Health and Care Plans <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> . If you feel that your child will need this provision please contact the school office 01889 590394 or email office@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk with the following information as soon as possible by 3.00pm today (05.01.2021).

- Your name
- Your child's name
- Your job title
- Your employer

We appreciate that this is all short notice but if you haven't already notified us it is important you do this today so we can plan provision. **Please be aware this provision should only be used as a last resort and only if there is no other alternative provision available for your child.**

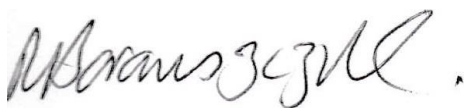
We have yet to receive any guidance from the government with regards to the provision for those pupils eligible for Free School Meals. You will therefore be advised accordingly as soon we have received this information and have a system in place.

If your child having problems accessing TEAMS at home or has forgotten their password, please let us know as soon as possible, to enable us to find suitable solutions.

As always we will continue to update you with any further information as soon as it is available.

Thank you in advance for your support and patience.

Yours sincerely



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