

# PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

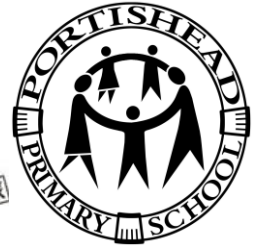
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Learning and achieving together

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our communication yesterday, we have now reached capacity for our critical worker/vulnerable children and are in the difficult position where we have to acknowledge that the balance of in-school provision and remote learning is not sustainable. This means making some tough decisions to maintain the quality of our remote education by avoiding drawing staff out of that work. We are also constrained by the safe limits of room capacity and bubble size and the requirements to ensure that our bubbles don't excessively mix pupils and staff. We must also be open to the possibility that bubbles may close and further children need remote learning in the event of a positive COVID case.

## Key Worker Provision

Tomorrow morning school will be reviewing requests for places and it is likely that not every request for a place will be accepted. In the interest of fairness we are shortly sending out a new booking form which will be used to prioritise places. Please do not contact the school until lunchtime tomorrow when we aim to have contacted those families that have not been allocated a place.

We strongly encourage all parents to consider carefully whether or not they do need to use this provision, and especially where one parent may be working from home, regardless of keyworker status. The lower the number of children in school, the safer it is for those children, the families visiting the site, the staff and their families.

Given our understanding that we are unable to meet the anticipated demand for school places we will not be insisting that children attend every day and you may pick and choose your days, however priority will be given to children who require a place every day, along with a range of other factors.

## Wraparound Care

It is with regret that we are no longer able to continue to run our wraparound care. The Playstation will close at the end of this week (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January will be the last day).

## Lunchtimes

From Monday, KS1 lunchtime in school will be 11.30am – 12.30pm and KS2 lunchtime will be 12.30pm – 1.30pm. School dinners are being brought to the site in all LSP schools. Initially they will be cold meals but hot meals will be re-introduced. We will communicate again when we have new information from the LSP.

## PE Days

For those children in school, children should wear their PE Kits on their PE Days. Please ensure that children dress appropriately for the weather. We do not expect any children to come to school on a PE day wearing shorts until it is considerably warmer. They should continue to bring coats on their PE days as well. The PE Days are as follows:-

Early Years	Tuesday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday

PE will sometimes be outside and sometimes in the school hall, depending on the weather and the activities that staff have planned.

Kind Regards,

Richard Riordan

Headteacher