



# **CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Learning together in a Christian community,  
nurturing and developing lively minds in a caring  
environment.**



6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents

## **School Places for the Children of Critical Workers (also known as Key Workers)**

Yesterday, further to the Prime Minister's stay at home order, I received requests for school places for almost 40% of our pupils.

Chapmanslade School does not have the capacity to provide any face-to-face teaching during the lockdown, nor do we have the capacity to safely provide supervision for large numbers of pupils.

Due to our very limited capacity, and further to a review of the school's risk assessment, Chapmanslade School will operate the following order of priority during this period of national lockdown:

### **School Priority 1 - Provide remote learning for all pupils**

Chapmanslade School takes its statutory duty to provide meaningful remote learning to ALL pupils very seriously. Organising remote learning for pupils takes considerably longer than teaching face-to-face.

In order to achieve high quality remote learning for ALL pupils, our teachers must work solely on planning and making the necessary lessons and resources. Teachers will respond to pupils with prompt advice and chat on Microsoft Teams; they will monitor pupil participation in lessons; and they will give regular feedback on children's learning in line with our procedure which can be found on the school's website under the Remote Learning tab.

Our teachers are keen to organise regular Teams meetings, and to telephone individual families to maintain contact and to offer pastoral support.

### **School Priority 2 - Provide emergency supervision for the children of critical workers**

Chapmanslade School will endeavour to provide supervision for a small number of the children of critical workers, who must attend their workplace during school hours AND who cannot arrange for their child to be safely cared for at home, in the following order of priority:

Priority 1 - the NHS

Priority 2 – frontline social care; education and childcare

Priority 3 – social workers, police

Priority 4 – key public services essential to the national Covid response

Priority 5 – food, transport, utilities, communication, financial services

Eligible pupils will be cared for in school by our TAs and will be assisted to access identical lessons to those set for all other pupils who are learning remotely. Our limited capacity means that the children of parents working outside of the NHS, care homes, education or police are unlikely to be successful in securing emergency supervision at school.

You must not request a school place for your child if you are able to keep your child safely at home. If you have a child under the age of 14, you are permitted to form a childcare bubble to enable you to undertake your work.

If the work of one parent can be carried out at home, children should be kept at home regardless of the critical worker status of one or both parents.

Leaving the house to take your child to school should be undertaken only if it is essential that you attend your place of work AND you have been unable to arrange for your child to be safely cared for at home.

Please give careful consideration to the full contents of this letter.

A further application form for emergency supervision at school will follow and must be returned **ONLY** if you are unable to carry out your essential work at your place of work without the support of the school.

Please note that emergency supervision at school may be withdrawn at short notice in the event of a positive case of Covid-19 in the school, staff sickness absence, new guidance or laws from the government, extreme weather conditions, or any other circumstance that prevents us from safely supervising pupils in school.

All pupils will be temperature checked before they are permitted to enter school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Children showing any symptoms of being unwell must not be brought to school.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Chapman