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Dear Parent/Carer,

Information regarding January 2021 Term

As this year draws to a close, we find ourselves in an increasingly familiar situation of not really having all the information necessary to know exactly what next year will look like for us all. Please note that this means that information shared today is very much **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**.

What we do know is that we have been asked to support childcare/learning for children of keyworkers during the extended holiday and/or the planned week of remote learning (11-15 Jan 2021) **where no other alternative childcare arrangements can be made**. More details can be found on the electronic form, which should be filled in as soon as possible (preferably today), if you require the use of this provision.

Exceptional Closure

We can confirm that the Scottish Government has granted an exceptional **closure for our schools on Wednesday 6th January**.

School staff will return on Wednesday 6th January to allow planning to take place for the safe return of children of keyworkers and vulnerable children (a bit like an in-service day) **so children should not attend**. Children of keyworkers and vulnerable children will be able to attend school from **Thursday 7th January**, as appropriate.

Please read carefully the information contained in this letter, alongside the other correspondence attached to our Communication App message- this includes a letter from South Lanarkshire Council. On the next page you will find a list of 'Questions and Answers' which may help you before January 2021.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Your continued support of #TeamLPS is very much recognised and appreciated!

Take care and stay safe ❤️

Kind regards,

Farah Crook
Head Teacher

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Some Possible Questions...

What should I do next?

If you already have childcare in place, simply follow the guidance issued alongside this letter regarding 'Learning at Home'. Remember, remote, online learning will not start until 11th January 2021.

What if my child requires their login details or needs to borrow a device for online learning?

As before, please email the ICT help email at LanarkICTSupport@glow.sch.uk and we will get back to you.

Will there be remote learning available for ELC learners?

Yes- this will be issued via the Lanark ELC email address- see additional guidance issued today.

I/we meet the criteria for keyworker status- what should I/we do now?

Please fill in the electronic form issued today (link on Communication App Message) as soon as possible. We politely remind you that you should only indicate the days needed where there is no other available childcare. This is to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I have filled in the form, what do I do now?

When you fill in the form you will be asked for your current email address. Please make sure this has been entered accurately. If you do not hear from the school directly, please assume that your child/ren should attend on the first day you have indicated needing childcare on the form. At the moment, the plan would be for children to enter via the Hall doors (please ensure you are wearing a mask and that you are 2m away from any other families/staff (please use the pavement that runs alongside the front of the building)).

I have filled in the form to say I require childcare/learning supervision but no longer need it- what should I do?

If this is the case (during the holidays), please simply fill out another form.

If this is the case once schools return, simply inform the member of staff 'on the door' of the days you no longer require.

What hours are available?

The childcare and learning supervision will be available from 9am – 3pm. If you do not require full days, there is a section of the form where you can indicate this.

Will lunch be available?

Children will be able to order their lunch from the canteen but this may be a limited menu. Packed Lunches are permitted. Children are asked to bring a snack and water bottle.

A member of my household has displayed symptoms and is waiting on a test/results. Can I still use the childcare/learning supervision available?

No! It is very important that no child attends school (even after we return full-time) if any other member of the household is displaying symptoms or you are awaiting a test/results. Put simply, this could be putting others at risk of being infected if the household member's results are positive. As always, no child should be in school if they are unwell.

What if there are further changes announced over the Christmas holiday period?

As always, we will endeavour to share with you any updates in 'real time' via the Communication App, however, please note that the school/ELC is closed for the holiday period and staff won't return until 6th January 2021.

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