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Dear Parents, Carers of Critical Worker Children,

I am writing to confirm arrangements for when your children are in school.

### **Uniform**

Children do not need to wear uniform. They need to be dressed in warm clothing as the classrooms will be colder due to the windows being open. They will also need a warm coat for outside as well as sensible shoes/trainers.

### **Arriving at school**

Please arrive at school for a 9am start. Please enter through the St Swithuns entrance and create a socially distance line along the path. Staff will meet you there. Please be prompt.

### **Break**

All children will need a drink and a snack for breaktime. We are not sure whether the free fruit and veg for the infants will still be delivered.

### **Lunch**

We are NOT able to provide a lunch this week. Therefore please send your child with a suitable lunch and a drink. We will be providing lunches from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. These will be packed lunch, but with a pasta pot option. You will be sent more details regarding the ordering of these before the end of the week.

### **Collection at end of day**

The school day ends for everyone at 3.15pm. Please wait in the usual areas of the grounds and the staff will bring the children out to you.

### **What will the children be doing?**

The children will be in one of 4 bubbles. These are Reception, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6. Our team of teaching assistants and a couple of non-class based teachers will be teaching the children. They will be following the learning set by their teachers. Breaks will follow the normal school day pattern and we will try to get into the fresh air much as possible.

### **What if there is a case of covid-19 in the bubble?**

As with current procedures, then the staff and all pupils in that bubble would need to isolate. I also need to inform you that in terms of our staffing, we are very 'stretched'. If there was an illness or any other reason a member of our staff could not attend

work, we may have to close that bubble temporarily. Please be assured though that we would exhaust all options before making that decision. However, it is essential that you have a plan in the event of this happening.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Waller

