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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your email requesting a place for critical workers/ vulnerable children. Here are details of arrangements for tomorrow and moving forwards.

Bubble Arrangements and Learning

We have organised the school into 3 bubbles with a maximum of 15 children in each.

- Ruby – Reception and vulnerable children (based in Acorn Class)
- Emerald – Years 1, 2 and 3 (based in Maple Class)
- Sapphire – Years 4, 5 and 6 (based in Elm Class)

Children will be supervised by school staff to access and complete the daily Sways set by class teachers. They will also receive a live lesson in line with the remote learning offer schedule. This may mean that they go into a quiet room with a laptop to access the lesson online (KS2) or that a lesson is delivered directly by the class teacher in school for reception and KS1. Supplementary mindfulness, craft or outdoor activities will also be incorporated into the school day.

Drop off/ Collection

Children should go to the classroom door of their bubble at 8:45am. As usual the gates will be opened for 10 minutes from this time to allow social distancing to take place. All children should be collected from the playground at 3:15pm. For children based in Acorn Class please go to the Acorn Classroom door, the other two bubbles will be brought out onto the playground.

Lunches

Children may bring a packed lunch to school. We will be able to offer a hot option as set out below. As the Dolce School Grid booking system is not yet set up for these orders children will be asked their menu choices at registration tomorrow morning. Lunch will be eaten in the class bases. Where payment is required for KS2 pupils details of payment for this will be organised later in the week.

The options are:

Wednesday – Pizza or jacket potato with cheese and beans

Thursday – Sausages and wedges or jacket potato with cheese and beans

Friday – Fish and Chips or jacket potato with cheese and beans

Uniform/ PE

Children will be required to wear school uniform on the days they attend school. On PE days outdoor PE Kit should be worn instead. PE sessions will continue to be led by YDP sports coaches.

The PE days are:

Ruby Bubble – Monday and Thursday

Emerald Bubble – Tuesday and Wednesday
Sapphire Bubble – Monday and Wednesday

Attendance

Our expectation is that your child attends the full day of provision. Children will not be able to be dropped off at a later time or collected part way through the day on a regular basis as this will be disruptive. However, we are able to accept children attending on some days and not other to support critical workers who have shift patterns or days where they can support remote learning at home. Please email head@folksworth.cambs.sch.uk to notify us of the days required. We will automatically assume this is full time Monday – Friday until we are told otherwise.

Safety

All procedures will continue in school to ensure that school is as safe as possible. This includes limiting movement, bubble groupings, adults allocated to specific bubbles, regular handwashing, ventilation and cleaning regimes. These procedures will follow those that were already planned and in place prior to yesterday's announcement.

Government 'Stay at Home' Message

The Government's instruction is to 'Stay at Home' when you can. These school places are to allow parents/ carers critical to the Covid effort and infrastructure to work. Wherever possible we should be following the message to 'Stay at Home' and access remote learning in line with the government restrictions. If you are able to keep your child at home safely this is the option that is encouraged.

We look forward to seeing your child tomorrow. Thank you for your patience and continued support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury
Headteacher