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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Children returning to school tomorrow

Following meetings with staff during today's INSET I am now in a position to update you about whether your child is able to return to school.

Teachers and support staff have received advice from unions regarding returning to school this week to teach full classes. Rochdale authority have advised that primary schools remain open unless headteachers deem that, due to staffing levels, health and safety levels cannot be maintained. A number of staff have chosen to follow their union advice around returning to school under Section 44 of the Health and Safety Act. I recognise that decisions made by staff are a personal decision and have not been made lightly. Where staff have chosen to invoke Section 44 it has been done with a heavy heart after much deliberation and thought.

I have risk assessed the return of all pupils and concluded that we are unable to offer full class teaching to all classes as a result. Therefore I have no alternative but to ask some classes to revert to blended learning at home, with only the key worker and vulnerable children for these classes in school. I realise this may not be ideal if you have siblings in other classes that are able to be in school, but this will be the only way we can maintain class bubbles in a safe way.

The following table shows which classes will be expected to return as normal and which will revert to blended learning.

Class RA	Return as normal
Class RB	Return as normal
Class RC	Return as normal
Class 1A	Open only to Key Worker and Vulnerable children
Class 1B	Open only to Key Worker and Vulnerable children
Class 1C	Open only to Key Worker and Vulnerable children
Class 2A	Return as normal
Class 2B	Return as normal
Class 2C	Return as normal
Class 3A	Return as normal
Class 3B	Return as normal
Class 4A	Open only to Key Worker and Vulnerable children
Class 4B	Return as normal
Class 5A	Open only to Key Worker and Vulnerable children
Class 5B	Return as normal
Class 6A	Open only to Key Worker and Vulnerable children
Class 6B	Open only to Key Worker and Vulnerable children
Class 6C	Open only to Key Worker and Vulnerable children



Confirming a Key Worker Child place

If you are a key worker and need a place, please text the Covid phone by 7pm this evening so that a place can be allocated. The telephone number is 07789 966223

In your text please state

- Your child's name
- Child's class
- Your place of employment
- Your job title

Allocation of Vulnerable Child Place

Your child is classed as a vulnerable child if they

- have an allocated social worker
- have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- or their family is open to Early Help
- are a Looked After Child

We have allocated a place automatically to these children and expect them to be in school as usual tomorrow.

Education Provision for Remote Learning

Where classes are only open to Key Worker/Vulnerable children teachers will be delivering online learning via Google Classroom and supporting the Key Worker/Vulnerable children. Attached is an outline of what a day will look like. Please note, your children need to log on to show they are present and engaging in the learning. If you have problems logging on, please email remotelearner@lowerplace.rochdale.sch.uk for support.

For classes returning as normal

For children accessing school, please go to their usual drop off point. School times remain the same and our phased entry and exit procedures will continue. **Parents are expected to wear a mask when on school property.**

Lastly, please accept my apologies for the lateness of the information. The decision was made during the weekend by the unions and we have responded to the announcement as quickly as possible. As further information becomes available, we will keep you informed.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support during these difficult times.

With kind regards



Ms Karen Martin
Headteacher