



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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Dear parents/carers,

We are looking forward to seeing your child in school during the lockdown as they have been identified as having parents in the key worker category or are vulnerable. Many of you have already shown us your ID if you are a key worker and told us which days you need your child to attend but if you haven't done so, please let us know when you drop your child off tomorrow. Your child(ren) has been allocated a place based on what you have told us you need and what we have available. Here is a full breakdown of the information as we understand it to be as of tonight:

What has stayed the same?

- Pupils will be **completing the work** they would have been doing if school was open as normal.
- Pupils **start and finish** at the same time slots that they normally have.
- If they are not attending some days, they should complete the work posted on **Seesaw/Tapestry** for their year group on days when they are not in school.
- School **timetables** will remain the same, including any PE and forest school slots and **school dinners** will also be available as usual using ParentPay to order them.
- Most pupils will work in the **same year group** that they are normally in, they will be based in the year group classrooms and will work with the **staff** normally attached to those year groups. (Please note that there are a few pupils who may have to work in another class if their classes were already full by the time a place was offered – we will let you know directly if this is the case but they will work with either the year group above or below so it isn't too different for them).
- We are currently offering **breakfast and after school club** to those previously signed up. Breakfast club places are available for you to sign up to this term on a daily basis but for now, after school club places are only available for those previously signed up. (Please note that we can only offer these whilst we have good staffing levels. Should anything change, we would let you know as soon as possible but we apologise in advance if it is ever at short notice.)
- The pupils will join a **weekly assembly** online in school with Mrs Rogers in their classes (which will also be opened out to those home learning to attend).
- The children should continue to **follow all our guidelines on Covid safety** (washing hands, not touching each other or sharing personal resources etc). This includes **not coming into school** if you or anyone in your household shows symptoms of Covid and/or is having a test.
- We are continuing to ensure we have **enhanced cleaning** in place.
- **Parents/carers** should continue to wear **masks** whilst onsite and follow the **one way system**.
- If your child is due to be in school but isn't attending, you must call the office to let us know for safeguarding purposes – the **attendance** and sickness procedures remain the same.
- They need to bring in a **healthy snack and have a water bottle** with them daily.
- Pupils will continue to wear full **uniform** as usual.

What will be different?

- **Class sizes** have been capped at **15** to allow for better social distancing to take place and reduce the risk of transmission (the classes will be a consistent group of 15 pupils).
- The children will be taught by **staff** in their year group but this might not always be their usual class teacher.
- Please remember to follow all the **National Lockdown guidelines** to help keep you and your child safe. We strongly recommend taking the opportunity to go for a family walk once a day and get



Talk for Writing



some fresh air to support wellbeing. You can find out the new rules at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-national-lockdown>

Extra information

Please know that we are still open to offer **support** and advice. The school office will take calls and pick up emails daily and there will always be a member of the safeguarding team and a first aider in school every day.

Thank you in advance for following all our guidelines and procedures. We look forward to seeing your child in school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AERogers". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mrs Amy Rogers

Principal