

# Hill Top CE Primary School

## Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

First and foremost Happy New Year - I know it is proving not to be the best start, but hopefully we have a lot to look forward to this year in terms of an end to the madness that Covid-19 has caused for all of us.

As you can imagine, it has been a pretty manic 24 hours and this very, very short letter has just some key information. I will do a longer, more informative letter towards the end of this week.

### Breakfast Club and After School Care Lodge

These will operate as normal from tomorrow (Wednesday) morning.

### School Times

School will open for all Critical Worker / Vulnerable children at 9am and close at 3pm. This slight temporary adjustment means that we can manage the staffing more effectively - we are aiming to keep all the children as safe as possible by keeping them in their year group bubbles.

### Drop off and Pick Up

This will be at the gates you are currently using to come in. Please ensure you and your children do not stand waiting with any other families - you will be challenged. Social distancing is vital with this new variant of Covid.

### On Line Learning

All this will be done via Class Dojo - please ensure you sign up. Class teachers will be in touch.

### Lap Tops and Sim Cards

We have a very limited amount of laptops / netbooks that we can loan out - please contact school if you would like to be considered for one. We also have a free supply of 90 day SIM Cards that can be used for up to 30GB of data download. Again please contact school if you require one.

### Children accessing school

School is only open for children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children for now. Even if you fall into this category, please consider very carefully whether you have any other options for your children. Of course, we have thorough risk assessments in place, but the message is clear from our government - **Stay Home, Save Lives and Protect the NHS**. If you fall into the Critical Worker category (and more and more of you seem to be), during these dark times we urge you to only use our school setting when absolutely needed - we will ask you regularly at the gates what days / times you will be need to access school so if you know your shift patterns / days off in advance that will help us enormously with our planning and staffing.

### School Uniform

Uniform should be worn whilst children are in school.

More information to follow, and apologies for the coldness / starkness of this letter.

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