

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Returning to School on 5th January:

As I write to you the situation locally remains unchanged regarding the opening of primary schools in England. As such, Half Acres will be fully open as normal tomorrow and we will be pleased to welcome your child back into school.

Please arrive at the staggered start times as before the Christmas break, and please use the allocated gate and door for the drop off and pick up. As before, it is even more important to socially distance on site and wear face coverings. Please make sure that you wear a face covering at all times on site and keep your 2 metre distance from others. Please also make sure that you do not approach staff on the door - keeping the 2 metre distance here too. We want to keep everyone as safe as we can, to keep our school open for our children and families.

Please remember that children should not bring any additional items into school from home.

The weather is colder now, and as before we need to keep rooms well ventilated. Please do wrap your child up warmly. Vests, long sleeved t shirts under their uniform and body warmers are all good ideas.

Moving to Remote Learning in the event of closure or absence:

Should the situation change over the next few weeks and the school be required to partially close, we will move straight to remote learning. You will be able to access this through the school website, Teams and Seesaw. We will operate a system with a daily registration and learning clinic, a series of lessons and also practice tasks such as spellings.

You can access the learning taking place in school each week through the website by clicking on the 'Curriculum' tab and selecting 'Remote Learning'. This is the case whether the school is partially closed or fully open. Under this link is the learning planned for each class each week. Select your child's class/year group to show a weekly overview. The overview has links to lessons and/or seesaw that your child can access if they have to be at home for any reason. This learning is updated every week and mirrors what is happening in school so your child does not miss out.

Requesting a place for critical worker/vulnerable children or a device for home learning:

In the event of any school closures, we will continue to teach the children of critical workers and those children who are vulnerable face to face in school every day. This will occur alongside the remote provision which will be available for all pupils.

To enable us to plan and to be as prepared as possible for all eventualities, please complete the Microsoft form sent separately to this letter if you think you will qualify for a critical worker or vulnerable child school place and you would like to request one. This form needs to be returned by **Wednesday 6th January 2021** in readiness for any sudden partial closure of primary schools so that we can be ready to accept your child.

Kind regards

Mrs R Taylor
Headteacher