

4th January 2021

To parents with 'critical worker' status

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Thank you for completing the recent questionnaire in respect of our Critical Worker provision. If your requirements have changed from your original request, please contact the School Office to notify them of any changes (tps-office@tauntonschool.co.uk).

We are pleased to be able to provide care for the children of those parents identified as Critical Workers from 8.00am – 5.45pm Monday to Friday and from 08.00 – 12.35 on a Saturday. The provision will commence on Wednesday 6th January 2021. Pupils should only come into school as a last resort because it is not possible for you to carry out your critical work and keep the children safe at home.

By booking a place for your child you are confirming the following:

- you and your family have observed social distancing (as laid out by the Government guidelines)
- no one in your household has any of the signs of Covid-19
- you have taken your child's temperature before coming in each day
- you will be able to come and collect your child in the event of them becoming unwell.

Whilst pupils will be accessing the same timetable as last term, we must make it clear that this will not be a normal school day; pupils will spend their time accessing their lessons via our remote learning platform from a single classroom and the role of staff in the room will be a supervisory one. We will of course support with any needs that arise.

In case of an emergency or if your child develops signs of Covid-19, the school will contact parents and the child will be placed in isolation immediately and supervised whilst we wait for parents to arrive.

The provision will take place in one of the TPS classrooms but we ask that parents use the existing Year 7&8 pickup/drop off zone as we will still have Year 6 and below in school.

The children will be expected to abide by the protocols we were using last term and these will be shared again with all pupils on the first day back.

Pupils should wear their school tracksuits to school on the days that they have sport on their timetable and school uniform at all other times. Pupils must bring their own device (fully charged) and headphones to enable them to access our online platforms. In addition, we request that they bring a face covering (plus spare), hand sanitiser, pencil case, school books, water bottle and a warm coat. Please note that school lunches and snacks will be provided.

I would like to finish by extending the heartfelt thanks of our school community for all that you are doing in the current climate. We hope that this provision provides you with assistance and peace of mind.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional queries or concerns in the meantime.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Coleman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Coleman