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Temporary delay to school reopening:

Dear parents and carers,

I am sorry to have to write to you this late in the day to cancel school for tomorrow but we have been desperately trying to sort out a number of issues:

On returning this morning we have experience problems with the heating which we have been trying to fix. However, as I speak we are still not able to heat the classrooms properly and there is no guarantee that the engineers will have it fixed by the end of today. We have also discovered a fault with our alarm system which needs to be fixed before we can allow children back into school and this has to be sorted after the heating is fixed (as we have to be without power for some time to fix the heating).

We have also discovered a number of other issues that have occurred during the break all of which affect the safe running of the school and whilst we are doing our very best to rectify these I can't be sure that the school will be ready for pupils to return safely tomorrow.

Therefore, with the agreement of the Trust and Reading BC we **will be delaying the return of children into school until Wednesday 6th January 2021**. On Wednesday we hope to welcome children back into school as normal with all the issues resolved and any further Covid safety measures put in place. We would urge parents to follow Government advice and send children back to school on Wednesday unless you have medical advice to the contrary. In the interim the school will be reviewing our Covid Risk Assessments again and putting in place any further measures we feel may further reduce the chances of transmission.

However, I am also acutely aware that the Government is looking to adopt more stringent measures regarding potential lock downs, so I would urge you to ensure that you have your children logged into our remote learning platform on Google classroom and would therefore remind you of the school' remote learning plan:

Our remote education plan

Our remote education plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school and will help to keep them on target for their learning objectives for the year.

- All children will be expected to spend a minimum of 3 hours learning daily
- The school will provide a flexible timetable and will include core and topic subjects
- Children will have access to resources on Google Classroom that will cover Reading, Maths and English and it is essential that these lessons are completed. There will also be resources that relate to children's topic subjects which they can complete in the afternoons
- Where a teacher is on 'lock down' and is self-isolating, they will be on-line daily between 08.30 – 15.30 to answer children's queries and to support learning and mark work.
- Children will receive regular feedback on their work from the Teachers and TAs as appropriate.
- Where a teacher is off due to Covid-19 and the class are isolating the school will ensure that there are resources available for the children to continue their learning but work will be marked less frequently and there will be less feedback available as this will need to be facilitated by teachers who also have their own classes in school.

Where children do not have access to IT we will provide paper resources which will only be marked if they are returned to school. We have constructed our remote learning plan to make sure we have the best outcomes for our children and also to remain in line with the [DfE's expectations for remote learning](#).

What you'll need at home

We hope that pupils will not need to access remote learning at home but in the event that they do, we want them to be able to learn effectively at home. For example:

- The school will be making resources/lessons available online and in order to access this, children will need a device that can access the internet, such as a laptop, desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. If you do not have any of these then please notify the school immediately so that we are aware and can plan appropriately.
- Children will need to have logged into their Google Classroom account – if you have not already accessed this then please contact Ms Hammond as soon as possible at KHammond@meadowpark.anthemtrust.uk
- We will try to ensure that children have all the resources they need on line but it would be helpful if you could have pencils/ pen and paper available too, just in case. If you are unable to provide these please let the school know.
- Try to identify a suitable home learning environment for your child such as a quiet space where they can work without interruption
- If you need any help with any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can try to support you.

Please note that if you'll be provided with printed resources where pupils don't have suitable online access, but you will need to notify the school in order to receive these.

What we expect from your child

It's important that your child engages with home learning and we would hope for a minimum of 3 hours per day (completing Maths, English and Reading tasks). However, there will also be topic work available for the afternoons linked to your child's curriculum and we will be posting a timetable to suggest how the days should run.

If children aren't engaging with the learning, we'll use the following strategies to provide additional support:

- Phone call home
- Increased feedback
- Possible Teams chat

What you can do to help

We appreciate that if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time. It is also crucial that while children are spending more time online, we work together to ensure that children are safe when doing so.

Younger children in particular may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we don't expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. However, it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they've learned.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're having any difficulties with any of the above. You can contact your class teacher or our Administrative team if you have any further questions (see contact details below).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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