



5th November 2020

New National Restrictions

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe during this challenging time. One of the privileges of being a headteacher at Windmill is that I get to see how happy and keen your children are to be in school with their friends learning.

Thankfully, during this lockdown, our school can remain open. **This means that it remains law that children come to school every day** - unless they are ill or isolating or have been identified as extremely clinically vulnerable by your doctor. If you need any support or have any worries about your child attending, please contact Melanie Jago, our attendance officer, you can contact her on 07808 528065 or email her at melanie.jago@leadacademytrust.co.uk.

As you know from previous letters, we have many protocols in place to help protect your children while they are in school such as regularly washing hands and operating 'bubbles' to limit any spread of the coronavirus across classes. Along with this second national lockdown, there are some new restrictions for school to observe.

All out-of-school activities must stop that are not part of registered childcare. This means there will be no sports clubs from today. After school catch up sessions for key children and Spanish club will also stop from Monday 9th November. This means there will be no additional classes or clubs running during the lockdown period from Monday 9th. We will notify you when these will start again or if this position changes.

Breakfast club as it is now will also stop from Monday 9th November. We are only able to offer it for children whose parents need the facility to enable them to go to work or for children who are vulnerable. If, due to work commitments you still need to use the breakfast facility, please ring the office by **Friday 6th November 12pm** at the latest. You will need to provide evidence of your employment. It is very important that you let us know, as the breakfast club will not be running on Monday if we are not informed that anyone needs it due to work commitments.

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We will also be unable to have any meetings with parents/carers in school; all meetings will be by telephone. Home/school conferences are continuing by telephone, you will receive a letter with details specific to your child's class. As always, we are still here to support you, if you have any concerns please let us know.

Here is a reminder of the current timings for the school day:

Nursery am	Start at 08:30 and finish 11:30
Nursery pm	Start at 12:00 midday and finish at 15:00
F2	Start at 08:40 and finish at 14:50
Year 1 & Year 2	Start at 09:00 and finish at 15:20
Year 3 & Year 4	Start at 08:50 and finish at 15:10
Year 5 & 6	Start at 08:30 and finish at 15:00

It is important that we follow these timings to avoid too many people being on the playground at once.

Lastly, thank you to parents who are able to wear masks when they bring and collect their children from school. We greatly appreciate what you are doing to help protect your community.



Take care and keep safe,

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