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Dear Parents

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Remote learning for first week of term

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and I wish everyone in our Windsor Hill Primary School Community a Successful, Happy, Healthy 2021.

Term begins with Remote Learning up until 8.2.21

I am sure you are all aware, in the light of the significant increase in Covid Infections, of the announcement by the Minister of Education on New Year's Eve that teaching for the first week of term will take place remotely with the intention that schools will reopening on Monday 11th January 2021.

We were due to resume classes on Wednesday 6th January but DENI has allocated the first day of term for additional planning and preparation for remote learning. Lessons will therefore be posted daily from Thursday 7th January on the **Seesaw App** which the majority of pupils have been using successfully last term.

Provision for Children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils.

School will be open from Thursday 7th January to provide 'supervised learning' for pupils whose parents are Key workers and for children deemed Vulnerable. These pupils will complete the same allocated activities as the children working from home.

The Department of Education has published an extensive list of Keyworkers. <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/news/weir-announces-changes-schools-reopening-arrangements>

The agreed definition of 'Vulnerable' children is also available at: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/health/Cross-Departmental-Actions-for-Vulnerable-Children-and-September-2020.pdf>

Parents whose children need to be in school on Thursday 7th or Friday 8th January are asked to email imckane521@c2kni.net by Monday evening 4.1.21 @ 5pm, in strictest confidence, so that provision can be planned for children as required.

School Meals

There will be no school meals at all next week. The EA has made arrangements for Free School Meals payments, which were available over the holidays to be extended to cover 4th – 8th January 2021.

While this is certainly not the beginning to the new term we had planned, while disappointing, it is understandable given the rise in new cases of Covid.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any of this content further.

Yours faithfully

I McKane

Principal