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Headteacher Update: Saturday 2nd January, 2021

Please see attached letter which arrived late on Saturday afternoon from Brighton and Hove City Council.

As you can see from the letter, the data shared shows the sharp increase and predicted increases in Brighton and Hove which is extremely concerning! All primary schools in Brighton and Hove, including Bevendean Primary School and Nursery, have been advised to move to **Remote Learning** and to only allow Critical Worker and Vulnerable children in school.

From Wednesday 6th January and up until at least Monday 18th January, Bevendean Primary School and Nursery will be closed to most children and remote learning will take place.

I apologise for this late notice! I am communicating this information to you as soon as possible. Myself and school staff, as I am sure you will appreciate, would rather be in school with the children, however the safety and well-being of all members of the Bevendean Primary School and Nursery community is our number one priority during this continued challenging time.

1. REMOTE LEARNING – From Tuesday 5th January, 2021.

It is essential that all pupils have access to their eSchools login. If this is not the case, then please contact the school from 8.00am, Monday 4th January. Teachers will begin updating their class pages from Monday 4th January, 2021.

We will ensure that there are phone calls home to parents and carers from school staff.

For children in some year groups, we will be providing physical work packs. Your child's class teacher will be in contact with you about this. We will have these ready for as soon as we can!

2. CRITICAL WORKER AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN PROVISION

Timetabling for Critical Worker children will be in place from Monday 4th January, 2021. The school will be in contact with you regarding this. The majority of children **should not** be in school or mixing with other children due to the Tier 4 restrictions. There will be a limited number of places available due to bubble constraints. As stated, we will have limited places and as we are in Tier 4, we are expecting more parents to be working from home.

A brief "pre" glimpse of the criteria can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Mrs Soudain and Mrs Crowley will be in contact with families who have children who might need additional support from school during this period.


3. FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Additional information regarding Free School Meal Arrangements will be made available once we have further information. Watch this space!

In closing, thank you as ever, for your support and understanding during this challenging time.

We will continue to make available all information we have – as and when we can. If you call the school first thing Monday morning, the chances are that we will not have any more information for you. Please wait until later in the day.

Kind regards,



Mr M Giddens

HEADTEACHER