



Sunday 10th January 2021

Good morning everyone,

Thank you all so much for supporting us as a school through this incredibly challenging week. All our staff have been working so hard every day, in order to put in all the necessary changes in place.

During the last national lockdown in March 2020 we were initially open for five critical worker 'bubbles'. On Monday January 11th 2021 we will be open for 16 'bubbles' of vulnerable pupils and critical worker's children. The school is once again split into 3 zoned areas. This will have a direct impact on the number of staff required in school daily to support school opening.

Vulnerable and critical worker's children.

Please be patient tomorrow – there is likely to be a wait if your child is joining us - 8.30am drop off for siblings only, 8.40am onwards for solo children.

Today there has been a change to the wording in the national documentation. *'parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.'*

Any changes to attendance please email CRITICAL WORKERS as title of email to info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk

Families at home

As I said previously - this is not the start to the school year we had planned for, but it has been encouraging to see so many children have already accessed the remote learning plans. Thank you! I hope you have seen the message I sent to all the children via Purple Mash? Lots of assistance has been given with password issues and much more this week. If you need support please use REMOTE LEARNING as title of email to info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk

The **remote learning plans** for next week are being uploaded to our website. We'll be adding links to some great new BBC resources to our website next week. You may also be pleased to know Joe Wickes is back in action every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We will be using the phone numbers that you provided for parents evening to call families based at home this week. This will depend on availability of staff, but the call will come from an unknown caller – it's us!

There will be more detailed information to follow next week –

Thanks again,

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