



8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

Can I just start the newsletter with a huge thankyou from me from the bottom of my heart with the tremendous effort you have put into adapting to remote learning over the last few days. Watching the children in the zoom lessons is really inspiring.

The government have made it very clear that it is the law during the lockdown that children are completing work remotely. As I mentioned in my previous letters, it is vital for our children that they do not fall behind and working with you we will do everything we can, but I also appreciate how challenging this is for parents. Personally I am in exactly the same position as you. Following the last lockdown we have taken on board your feedback to make the work as accessible as possible.

- Zoom lessons are the daily register. All children are expected to be at these and this marks in the school register. If you are not there you will be phoned. If your child is ill or attending a hospital appointment and cannot attend you must email your class teacher to let them know.
- For Reception , Y1 and Y2 the government has told us children should be completing upto 3 hours work a day. For KS 2 it is upto 4 hours a day. This will include reading/spelling as part of this allocation.
- Live zoom lessons will continue and the staff will be also recording some lessons for pupils,as well as using the Oak Academy/bbc lessons. The aim of this is to make them as independent as we can so you can continue to work. We are only doing one live lesson a day currently due to the timetabling challenge parents find if they do not have enough IT at home and more than 1 child at home.
- This time we are trying to use paper resources as well as computer resources. The aim of this is to reduce the printing you need to do. We will print new paper resources for you when a new subject starts and they will be available to collect from the school office at certain times. Your class teacher will let you know when you need to collect them.
- Technology - if you are struggling for devices we still have a few we can loan - please contact me if you need help. Also if you are struggling for WIFI please contact me as well.
- As per the law we are using a platform to support the learning - this is eschools. Each day your work for your child will be on there. Following feedback this week, the daily plan will be on the screen where you log on. Excitingly,if you have an x box or playstation that accesses the internet you can get on your child's page through there.
- If you are having any issues submitting work, your class teacher will help you.

Have a safe weekend and I will be in contact again next week. I am going to upload a weekly assembly for you to listen to on a Friday with golden awards as ever starting next week.

Mr Gould

FSM - The government have informed us that they will in the future be establishing a voucher scheme as before. In the meantime, if you are eligible for Free School Meals we can still provide a daily packed lunch that you can collect. Please email me if you require this. Targeting of Parents - Schools have reported parents and carers of children who get free school meals are being emailed scam messages such as "if your child is entitled to free school meals send your bank details to the school and they will help with funding while the school is closed". Please do not do this!

Key workers - our key worker provision is being manned by our amazing teaching assistants. Children in school are completing exactly the same work as children at home. Our teachers are 100% focussed on supporting the remote learning.

Below is a link to information about a live education session Newquay Zoo next Friday which might be useful for Key stage 2 classes. Thank you to Jack and Evies mum for this.

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