

8th January 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week! On Monday you were expecting to send your child back to school for the spring term but at 8pm that evening everything changed and I am sure many of you were in turmoil at home trying to make arrangements around work commitments etc.

The last few days in school have been very hectic; arranging provision for key worker children. We have high numbers of key worker children in school and in order to keep the number of children in "bubbles" as low as possible, all staff are now working from school. The teachers and TAs are doing an amazing job, juggling teaching in school, setting up remote learning for those children at home and responding to the children's work online. There have inevitably been a few teething problems but as we reach the end of the week, these are mostly now sorted.

Teachers have tried to make calls to families of children not attending school and I know that many of you have been pleasantly surprised at how manageable the work is via Google Classroom.

If we have left a message to contact school, could you please do so urgently; it is our duty to make regular "safe and well" checks and to support you if you are struggling to get remote learning underway. This lockdown is quite different from the lockdown in March last year in terms of education, when there was a reasonably "relaxed" expectation around completing school work. The Government and Ofsted state that it is a legal requirement for children to be learning from home for 2 -3 hours per day for Reception and KS1 children and around 4 hours in KS2.

We want to work with you to ensure learning at home is as straightforward as possible and that children have a regular structure to their day. Teachers can offer 1 to 1 tutorial sessions where needed.

I am also attaching instructions as to how to access Google Classrooms via X Box and PlayStation as this may help in some households.

As always, if we can help in anyway, please do not hesitate to email or call the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher