

Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 15 - 8th January 2021



It has not been the beginning to the year we expected and once again the staff are all aware of how difficult this is for so many of you and would like to thank you for your patience as we set everything up. Our school is closed, except for children of critical workers. Please note that although we have accepted all requests in line with the Government statement - 'Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school if required' - the guidance also states 'Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.' We are trying to keep numbers down as much as possible to avoid the spread of infection, so please do consider carefully when sending your child to school, if alternatively they could be working at home with an adult present.

Referring to the Government guidance, we are going to allow children to come in their own clothes from Monday and not school uniform. As we are still required to provide adequate ventilation, this should make it easier to put on several layers with some woolly jumpers!

Mrs Phillips

Remote Learning

As per the national guidance, we are expecting our remote learning offer to cover up to 3-4 hours of work a day in all classes. Live lessons will support the majority of this learning for most classes.

Beyond the live lessons, children will still be expected to complete daily reading (using books or Oxford Owl), plus regular DoodleMaths work. All children have been set up on Google Classroom and the expectation is that work will be submitted through this for feedback from our staff (this may be your child's teacher or a teaching assistant who works in that class). Please do not email work directly to the teacher; if you have any issues with uploading work then please contact the class email address which you already have. Please note that staff will only respond to queries between the hours of 8.30am - 3pm. Any emails out of these hours might not be seen until the following day.

This is a link to a video showing you how to upload photographs of your child's work into Google Classroom - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STRgCq-yVaQ>. Before you can upload these photos they need to be sent from the device they are taken on to your child's Google email address which they have been given. If you are working on a tablet, they can be directly loaded from the camera roll.

There will be no additional 'homework' on top of the work set on Google Classroom. This means that should you struggle to complete all the work set, you have extra time to revisit it or to respond to feedback.

Notices

- **COVID-19** - please email us should any of your children test positive for Covid-19.
- **Clubs** - All after school clubs have been rescheduled to Term 4.
- **Lunches** - School Meal bookings for those children who are home learning will be cancelled. Lunches booked will be provided for those in Kingfishers and Starlings until further notice, with the changed menu as emailed, to those affected.
- **Free Fruit & Milk** - there is no free fruit or milk being delivered at the moment. We will let you know when this changes, but children in school can bring a healthy item to eat/drink at break time.
- **Book bags** - Please leave these at home for the time being.
- **Free School Meals** - Food parcels (1 this week and another on Monday) have/will be provided until the government has distributed details of the voucher scheme which we will forward to those who qualify.