

Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 16 - 15th January 2021



There have been many conflicting messages sent out from the Government, but given that cases have risen we really must ask parents of children attending school to consider if your child really needs to be in school and if so, are there any days when they could be working at home. Some Trust schools have had to limit provision to families who have two key workers, both working away from the home setting and although this is not something we need to do, we must stress again that school attendance this term should be a last resort. If you are able to reduce the amount of days your child is attending, then please let the office know. Although we encourage hand washing and social distancing at all times, the children are obviously at less risk of contracting the virus if they are at home with you.

Mrs Phillips

Remote Learning

Thank you for bearing with us as we get to grips with remote learning for all our children. After initial hiccups, all children learning at home have been able to log on to google classroom. Some parents have requested more warning of live lessons and as a result we have attached a timetable outlining the lessons expected to be taught on any day and when the live lessons are likely to be in the week. Please be aware that additional meetings; such as individual or group meetings might be arranged during the week but parents will be informed of these via email. We have now loaned out some Chromebooks to families to ensure equity of access during this lockdown. We are proud as a school that children, whether in school or at home, are receiving the same educational experience. Whilst nothing replaces face-to-face teaching, we are working hard to ensure children continue to make progress - and thank you for the huge efforts you are making to support this. A few points to remember:

- Please ensure your child is in a family space during sessions for safeguarding reasons (ie. not in their bedrooms)
- Uploading work is probably the trickiest part - please try to ensure the work is uploaded into the correct day. Guidance on how to do this is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STRqCq-yVaQ>
- 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.
- If you have issues with printing out worksheets at home, please email a request for a pack of worksheets using the class email address **by 9am on a Monday morning**. We will then prepare a pack of worksheets for your child and they will be ready to collect from 1pm on a Monday afternoon.

Notices

- **COVID-19** - please email us should any of your children test positive for Covid-19.
- **Lunches** - School lunches booked will be provided for those in Kingfishers and Starlings until further notice with the changed menu as emailed, to those affected.
- **Free School Meal Vouchers** - for those who qualify, the voucher scheme will be set up again next week and you will be emailed when the vouchers have been raised ready to redeem. Please note this is not a scheme for infant free school meals but for those eligible by benefits.
- **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.