



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. Having said that, we have already started online lessons in Key Stage 2 and our infants have now had an opportunity to log in and meet their teachers online. Please see the paragraphs below from Mr Dix regarding home learning.

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 they could alternatively 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!

Mr Turull

Remote Learning

As per the national guidance, we are expecting our remote learning offer to cover 3-4 hours of work a day in all classes. Live lessons will support the majority of this learning for most classes, although we will be phasing in Reception live lessons due to the age of the children; Ms Mason has been in touch with Reception parents about this.

Beyond the live lessons, children will still be expected to complete daily reading (using books or Reading Eggs), 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 me on adix@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk and I will be able to talk you through the process. 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 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.**
- **Breakfast Club** – Due to lockdown, breakfast club will not be running and all bookings will be cancelled for you.
- **Christmas Window Trail** – Friends did a wonderful job arranging the Christmas Window Trail which was warmly received by the wider community and raised £385.86. It is hoped this may be an annual event.
- **Clubs** – All after school clubs have been rescheduled to Term 4.
- **Dinners** – Dinner bookings for those children who are home learning will be cancelled. Dinners booked will be provided for those in KS1 until further notice with the changed menu as emailed to those affected.
- **Free Fruit** – there is no free fruit at the moment. We will let you know when this changes, in the meantime children in school can bring a healthy item to eat at break time.
- **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.
- **Private Music Lessons** – You will be, or may have already been contacted by either BANES Music (strings & keyboard to reschedule) or Music for Schools (woodwind for on-line lessons) concerning this terms tuition.