



5th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will no doubt be aware, the Government has now decided from midnight tonight to lockdown England to prevent the further rapid spread of the new variant of Covid-19 within the community.

The health and safety of our pupils, staff and the wider school community is, as always, our number one priority and as you know, we have been closely following all Government guidance. We have also taken all the necessary precautions since the national outbreak to prevent it from impacting our school and to keep pupils safe.

Yesterday the Government announced that schools will close until February half term for all but the most vulnerable children and those children with parents who are 'key workers'.

Whilst we understand that this is also likely to cause disruption for those families with children who are required to stay at home, we have robust plans in place so that your child can continue their education during this time. As always, we are committed to ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible education and will be working hard to minimise the impact of the closure on your child's education.

The Government expectation of schools is that we set **3 hours of work a day** as a minimum. As much as possible we will aim to align the remote/home learning with the learning taking place in school for key worker children. Therefore, all children must complete the work set. When they return after half term there will be an expectation that the children have completed and consolidated the learning and for the whole class to progress from that point. This work will not be repeated. Remote learning will begin tomorrow 6th January.

Children in Y4 -Y6 will access home learning via Teams and Nursery - Y3 via Seesaw. Lessons/activities will be set daily by the teachers. There is an expectation that this work is also returned daily in some form - via photograph, upload or email so that it can be marked and feedback given. Some of this will be done during the morning meeting held for Y4 at 9am, Y5 at 9.15am and Y6 at 9.30am. This will allow the opportunity if you have several children to access the input from their teacher. If you do not have your child's log-in details then please contact your child's teacher via email.

If you have any issues re ICT devices for your children to access the on-line learning we do have a limited number that we can loan. There is also a potential way to increase your phone data and use this as a hot spot if you do not have access to a fixed Broadband connection, dependent upon your network and contract. Please contact us if this is something that will help your child and their learning.

All children will be provided with an exercise book and pencil as only some of the learning is computer based. We need the children to maintain their writing stamina as well as correct letter formation and spelling. Please can you arrange to collect a pack of writing utensils/exercise books from the main office as the children will be required to bring their work into school at the end of lockdown as well as sending photographs of what they have produced to their teachers. Further details will be sent by your child's class teacher.

Staff will contact you via telephone if they do not see evidence that your child is completing any home learning. It is vital that they keep at the same pace as those in school. If you have any difficulty with your child and their home learning staff are available to assist. This can be via telephone call directly to the child or team video call, whichever will be most effective for you.

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Further information specific to your child will follow. However, in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this very difficult situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Hughes-Narborough
Headteacher



