

St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Dear parent/carer,

5 January 2021

Provision during the national lockdown.

We hope that you are well.

Following the announcement by the Government late last night and our subsequent correspondence, we are writing to share a few additional details in relation to your child's learning this week, be this at home (via Remote/Home Learning), or in school for those children classed as vulnerable, or whose parent(s)/carer(s) are classed by the Government as 'Critical Workers'.

Our Remote/Home Learning this week will consist of daily English and Maths work and a piece of wider curriculum work. As a proud Church school, there will be R.E. work set too.

Following the success of the 'face-to-face' sessions during the partial closure in the last academic year, we will be hosting more 'virtual' activities where children can communicate with a member of the team and even wave at their friends using video conferencing! Some of our learning will also be delivered in this way. If your child is in school and you do not wish them to be on screen in these video calls, please let us know prior to them taking place.

This week, you will receive children's work from the class email address. Some of this may also be posted on the class pages of the school website. Throughout this week we will also hold sessions to say hello, and also to introduce or refresh children and parents/carers with how to use Microsoft Teams. Please do not worry if you have not used this before, we will send a 'how to' guide. Children will each have a 'log in' for Microsoft Teams which will be sent shortly if they have not already received this. Please can you ensure that when children are in these virtual sessions that they are dressed appropriately (no pyjamas etc) and that they can watch without distraction.

A timetable of when 'live' sessions will take place over the next two days are below, with further dates to be confirmed by your child's teacher. These start tomorrow morning. As we appreciate that some times of day will be more convenient than others, and that some families may have one device to be shared between siblings, we have tried to avoid having two sessions at once and have varied the times of the sessions for this week. If you cannot make one of the dates, please just let us know and then try to join the next one. Details of the

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session will be emailed to you – this may be an invite through Microsoft Teams, or an invite through Zoom. Sessions will be approximately 20-30 minutes this week and should there be any questions in advance, or following, please email your child's teacher. Your child's teacher will contact you should any of these need to change.

Class	Wednesday 6 th	Thursday 7 th
Reception	09:45	13:10
Year 1	11:00	09:45
Year 2	09:15	11:00
Year 3	13:10	11:30
Years 4/5	10:05	13:45
Year 6	11:30	09:00

Teaching staff will be available via email during the school day from 09:00-16:30 (excluding lunchtimes) and will endeavour to respond to any emails or messages at their earliest opportunity, however, please be mindful that they may also be working with other children in school. We politely request that these times are respected and that emails are only sent within them.

Last term, we provided each child with a 'Home Learning' book for use should a period of self-isolation occur. Please use these to record work. If, in the excitement of Christmas, you cannot locate the book, please just let us know and we would be happy to organise a replacement. If your child does not have access to an electronic device to access remote learning from home, please contact the school office – we are always happy to help.

Children attending school (because they are classified as Vulnerable or their parents are classified as Critical Workers) will complete the same, or similar, remote learning under supervision of a member of the team. Children in school should continue to wear uniform and only bring wipe-able plastic bags containing a drink bottle, snack and lunch (if not receiving a school meal). Children in school will also need to bring an indoor and outdoor PE kit and we recommend a hat and gloves to go with their coat...it's a bit chilly! Currently, the school hours remain the same.

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You will have received an email early today in relation to whether your child will be attending school, please ensure that you inform us in advance if they will be joining us for the day. If we are expecting children and they do not attend, please telephone the school office to report their absence. For those in school, the timings of the school day remain the same and children should wear full school uniform. Currently, we are also able to continue to offer wraparound care under the same arrangements as previously.

Even though we aren't all in school, our team have a duty to safeguard children. Therefore, if we don't receive communication from your child, you will receive a telephone call from us checking that you and your child are well and if you require any additional support with the work set.

Of course, we will keep in touch with you to share any news and also to just to see how you are all doing as we miss the children. Our correspondence will continue to be through email.

Please stay safe.

Mr A Brayford Principal

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