

Headlines

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Dear Parents

So, it's nearly the end of week three of this lockdown and sometimes I feel like we're living in groundhog day! The teachers are missing their classes and are developing square eyes from looking at their screens so much and I know some parents are finding it really hard at home. Again I would stress – be kind to yourselves. If you are struggling don't hesitate to contact the school. We may be able to help or at least point you in the direction of someone who can.

Children at school

We are almost at full capacity at school for children attending on site provision. **The school is open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children. This is at the headteacher's discretion.** I believe I am following guidelines and making the best decisions possible at this difficult time. If you would like to discuss this with me don't hesitate to call.

If you need provision and think you may be entitled to it, please check with the guidance below:

Full list:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>
and contact the school to discuss our capacity.

Remote Learning

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in or shared positive comments about remote learning during calls with the office and teachers.

It is hard to switch from being in school to learning at home, especially if you're only primary age. Those of us who have ever tried working from home will know how easy it is to find distraction or 'jobs' that keep you from getting on.

We are pleased with the amount of children who have engaged and are completing their work – the quality is improving across the year groups and most children are trying hard.

A couple of tips:

- Try watching the videos a couple of times – this will help you to really understand what you have to do.
- Try breaking the maths video down into chunks. Look at the questions you have to answer and once you have been shown those stop the video and then do those before starting the next bit.
- You don't need to tell your teacher you have watched the video etc. Just get on with the task.
- Make sure your photos are nice and clear so your teacher can see your lovely work.
- If you are struggling, ask someone at home for help – they may not be teachers but they may know how to find the answer!
- If you are Year 5 or 6 look online for help – BBC bitesize has lots of helpful pages.
- If you are still struggling, let your teacher know via the chat – they won't be cross and will be able to help you.
- Mix up screen work with other activities like PE or art.



Great home learning from Sami, Laila and Nathan. Well done!



Mrs Brill's Bert takes a look around our newly organised library.



Whatsapp and Facebook etc. are so important to keep us in touch and support each other during lockdown. However, I have to remind a small minority of parents that making abusive, upsetting or insulting remarks, even on a closed whatsapp group, can be considered defamation and is against the law.