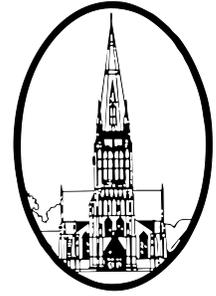


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4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you with regards to how teaching and learning will work over the next two weeks.

We currently have 40 key worker and vulnerable children from Nursery to Year 6 that will be attending school from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January. This may be extended, however we will be guided by further Government guidance.

All other children will be expected to work from home during this time.

The staff that we have available will be split between teaching the children at home and teaching those in school which is a challenge in itself because we need to keep children as safe as possible in bubbles whilst maintaining safety with reduced staff numbers.

### What will learning look like?

If your child will be learning from home, you will be emailed a timetable that shows you what lessons they should be joining online and what they should be doing independently. This timetable will also include login details for the zoom lessons that week.

We understand the pressure on parents at this difficult time so we have tried to offer learning that gives some flexibility.

Our focus is to offer high quality teaching, however feedback will be mostly verbal during the lessons.

We do expect all children to log into the zoom lessons which will cover English, Maths, RE, Music and Spanish. Other learning can be done more flexibly at a time suitable to your family. This will be posted on the school website for easy access. Further details will follow.

Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to provide paper copies of work / information at this time, however we will keep this under review.

### Nursery and Reception



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- Children will get a pack of work to complete each week. This will be emailed to parents.
- A member of staff will host at least one short zoom lesson each day. This could be a Spanish, music, phonics or story time session.

### **Year 1 and Year 2**

- Children in Year 1 and Year 2 that are at home will be taught remotely by Miss Francis (Year 2 teacher).
- Children in Year 1 and Year 2 that are in school will be taught by Miss Graham (Year 1 teacher).
- All children will be taught at least one maths and one English lesson by a teacher each day and one RE, music and Spanish lesson per week. Other tasks will be set for independent learning that covers the whole curriculum.
- We will aim to set up remote reading sessions as soon as possible for some children to read with a member of staff.

### **Years 3 / 4, and years 5 / 6**

- Children in these year groups will be taught by their class teachers whether they are at home or in school.
- All children will be taught at least one maths and one English lesson by a teacher each day and one RE, music and Spanish lesson per week. Other tasks will be set for independent learning that cover the whole curriculum.
- These teachers may request children to submit tasks on Google Classroom or via email, however they will organise this directly with their classes.
- We will aim to set up remote reading sessions as soon as possible, for some children to read with a member of staff.

## **What you need to do**

1.

To enable children to effectively work from home we are asking families to come and collect the following items from school tomorrow (Tuesday).

- 2 exercise books for recording learning at home
- For those children who are reading non levelled books they will be able to take a book home.  
Children on levelled reading books will be provided with details on how to access levelled reading books on line.
- Resource pack for children in Nursery and Reception
- We are already aware of families that need to loan a device for their children to work on. These will be available for those families to collect.

Please attend school tomorrow at the following times to collect these things. If you have more than one child please come at the time for your youngest child to collect work for the family. Unfortunately we do not have the staff capacity to organise other pick up times.

**PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK AND KEEP DISTANCED WHEN COLLECTING**



Times for collection on Tuesday	Class
12.00 – 12.20	Nursery
12.20 – 12.40	Reception
12.40 – 1.00	Year 1
1.00 – 1.20	Year 2
1.20 – 1.40	Year 3
1.40 – 2.00	Year 4
2.00 – 2.20	Year 5
2.20 – 2.40	Year 6

2.

We ask that during this extremely challenging time for school, that you help us with the following:

- Read all communication on text and email carefully
- Respond to any information that school requests in the time required
- Keep children at home if they are unwell or if someone in your household is unwell. Report any covid symptoms or positive tests to school immediately.
- Be patient as we reintroduce systems, continue to adapt to further guidance and challenges and manage test and trace activities, in addition to the usual day to day school activities.

I am sorry that there is so much information to take in, however time is not on our side and we are trying to work as quickly as we can to ensure children do not miss any more learning than they have to.

There will be further correspondence tomorrow with regards to class timetables, online reading and the updated school risk assessment so please look out for this. Tonight may bring further changes and challenges with another government announcement, however I pray and hope that you all remain safe and well.

Kindest regards,

Jane O'Brien  
Headteacher



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