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School lockdown arrangements – Remote Learning and provision for pupils entitled to free school meals

Since the Government announcement on Monday 4th January 2021 regarding the national lockdown, staff have been working tirelessly to manage arrangements in school, including organising provision for key worker and vulnerable children, organise support for families entitled to free school meals, and to build on arrangements for remote learning.

As you know, we are always devastated to learn that children may have to stay at home, in order to help reduce transmission, and pray that the infection rates fall so that we can get children back where they belong each day, in school learning; we remain committed to supporting you during this time and I hope this letter answers questions you may have. Please feel free to contact school if further advice is needed. Add snow into the mix, and it has been an interesting week to say the least!

For pupils entitled to **free school meals** – we will support families by organising a weekly food parcel, to be collected. We will text with the time but we expect these to be delivered on Monday, so collection will be Monday afternoon. The Government have not yet announced when they will move to a voucher scheme – when they do we will contact you. You must let us know if you want one and we will order each week (order day is Thursday morning – orders after this time cannot be processed).

HOME LEARNING

- As you know we are using Class Dojo to upload lessons, links, instructions and feedback to pupils. This is our preferred method as this allows us to give feedback and respond to work once complete, much more easily than paper only resources. Staff will be able to provide passwords etc again and can discuss this with you if necessary. Completed work will be uploaded to your child's portfolio section.
- Please rest assured that not all work is to be done 'on screen' – we will be providing an exercise book, stationery and an initial pack of resources to support this learning. As learning is completed then photographs etc can be uploaded into portfolios (from work done in exercise books, etc) so if you can only view this via phone or ipads, work can still be done in exercise books.
- Links to the education sites, resources etc will be included in dojo instructions.
- We will upload a weekly timetable and will then upload work each day, either the night before or at the start of day.
- We will also be providing maths workbooks, once these are delivered.
- Activities will include English and maths each day, including reading, as well as other curriculum areas. This will parallel work in school.
- The expectation is that your child completes this work – teachers will check each day for uploaded work.
- The government expectation is that children in KS2 (juniors) complete 4 hours per day, KS1 (infants) complete three hours, although less is expected for younger children, such as Reception and Year 1.



SCHOOL MEMBER



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- Staff will check work daily – if you need any support please ring school and we will contact you as soon as we can.
- Please read the letter in this pack in relation to Dojo, and the parental guidance for home learning.

I am aware the government has announced that schools are being provided with additional devices to support children learning at home – at present we are awaiting the DFE allocating us devices and then we will order these. If you feel this would be helpful for you, please contact Mrs Atkinson. We are limited by the number we can order, but we are happy to discuss the loan of any equipment we can get.

To help get remote learning underway, please come to school to collect an initial resource pack between 10am and 2pm on **MONDAY 11th JANUARY** (main entrance – please ensure distancing). If any further resources for the coming weeks are needed, we will contact you.

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk

