



3rd January 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome 2021

I do hope that you have all had a healthy, peaceful start to this new and hopeful year. I am so sad not to be able to welcome all of the children back to school tomorrow but we will do all that we can to ensure that your child is able to learn at home or join us safely here at school. We know that these restrictions are a challenge and we only expect you to do what you can with your child at home. What we have done is refine our Blended Learning model to include tutorials, which should make it a little easier for you and your child to understand and follow. What you will need are your Google Classroom login details. If you have not got them to hand, then please email or call our school office and a member of the office team will be able to help you.

Blended Learning-learning at home

What will this learning look like?

This learning will look very similar to what would have been planned if your child had been in class with their teacher. Their teacher will provide a tutorial in English (reading/phonics) and Mathematics in addition to the differentiated activities that follow the tutorial. The tutorial should last for approximately 4-5 minutes and should explain the learning for the session. The tutorial will be recorded on Zoom and then will be uploaded to the Google Classroom by 6.00 pm each day, allowing the children to complete the task by 3.00 pm on the following day. **The first tutorials at the start of this week will be accessible by 9.00 am on the 4th January 2021.**

Your child will also have:

- Daily counting (Foundation Stage/Year 1) and times table challenges (Years 2-6)
- Daily reading of extracts or passages from the class text
- Activities that support the Foundation Subjects/Science

Your child will be expected to read on a daily basis. They will either be provided with an extract from the class text or they may be able to access any reading material that they may have at home.

We will be monitoring all children's use of the Google Classroom carefully. It is essential that the children complete the directed tasks so that when they return to school, they will be at the place that their teacher would have planned for, when they return.

What should feedback to learning include?

The children will receive their feedback that very same day, before the next series of work is uploaded.

Comments will reference achievement and relate to the knowledge observed, skills developed or the understanding shown through explanation and reasoning. Feedback for Mathematics will relate to their ability to prove, explain and reason. Our aim is to ensure that our feedback motivates your child to keep on top of the work planned for them and help them feel good about themselves.





Vulnerable children and families

If your child has an EHCP, Ms Khalfa will be in touch with you on the Monday 4th January to share what the learning plan is for your child. Mrs Reed and Mrs Edwards will continue to contact families that they have supported and will support and Mrs Christopherson will be in touch regarding any free school meal vouchers that can be distributed.

Mrs Reed and myself will happily offer another 'Time to Talk' session on **Friday 8th January from 1.00 pm**. If you have specific questions that you would like to ask, please may you email the questions to the office by **Wednesday 6th January 2021**.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding with the many changes and adaptations to school life that we continue to make.

Please do check your parentmails daily, because I am keen to keep in regular contact with you.

Look after yourselves,
Mrs N Bull
Chief Executive Headteacher

