

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see our children back this week— both in school and online via Microsoft Teams. I am sure you heard the government's announcements this week that schools will now be closed to the majority of children until at least February half term.

Staff are working on a rota so pupils at home can have home learning delivered mainly by their teacher whilst support staff with teachers coming in once a week are delivering a similar offer to pupils who are in school.

In light of yesterday's announcement, and due to our attendance figures for critical worker and vulnerable children being significantly higher than expected, we are asking you to seriously consider whether it is at all possible for your child to work from home on any of the days. The new guidance from the DfE this week says, '**Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can**'. In Kent 18% of primary school children are attending, at Hunton it is 30% so we are experiencing well over average attendance. With staff self-isolating I am aware that we really are working at capacity and that it would be very difficult to admit any more children. I equally wish to express our full appreciation of our need to provide for the children of critical workers and will of course continue to do so unless a bubble has to close or staffing does not allow.

Contact

Due to the closure of school, some staff self-isolating and most families learning at home, please email your teacher via the school office directly if you have any queries and they can get back to you via email, the chat or call you during the school day. Please note we are not expecting teachers to email during the evenings or at weekends.

Printing

Work set online should be completed via Microsoft Teams. We are able to print a small amount if needed but with things ongoing for home learning this is not something we can offer to large amounts of families we are afraid in terms of our capacity of staff in school and to save the trees! Work completed should be photographed and uploaded for marking.

Free School Meals

Mrs Tompkins will be in touch with families not in school who will be able to receive a food parcel.

Fruit

Fruit deliveries have been cancelled by the supplier. If your child is in school, please provide fruit or a healthy snack.

Devices

We have received our small allocation of devices. If you have no suitable devices to use, please let us know. Home learning can be accessed on Playstations and Xboxes too.



Head Teacher
Mrs. Anita Makey

Deputy Head Teacher
Mr. Ed Ming

Compassion, Hope, Reverence, Wisdom

Bubble closures

Please note that if we had a positive case the class group would need to isolate for 10 days, as is current guidance. We are trying to keep everything in school as normal as we can for children needing to attend during the closure of schools, but also trying to get things as good as we can for online learning of course for the majority of children who are at home learning.

Each remote classroom is different (just as our classrooms are different in school) but the work and support we hope will be just right to help us through this term as planned carefully and set by our amazing teaching team. Please do bear in mind that this is the first time online learning has happened, so there will be glitches and issues but we will get through them together!

Take care everyone, sorry for another letter but we wanted you to know these things as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Mrs Makey

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