

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Reception Parents

Distance teaching and learning

Everything that has been put in place to support children's safe return to school this term has worked really well and we are hoping that there is no further disruption to children's learning.

However, with increasing coronavirus infection rates, it is prudent to prepare for the possibility of some children having to stay home in the future. This letter outlines our plan to support learning, starting next week, in such an eventuality.

When a pupil is unable to attend school as a result of having coronavirus symptoms

- Homework, with answers, will be emailed out every Monday this will embed learning taking place in class or support gaps in learning of key skills. Parents can go through the homework with the children at home, emailing any questions to teachers via the class email accounts.
- Read a book on Bug Club daily and complete any follow up activities. Children have their own log ins for this. Please email your child's class teacher if your child has forgotten their log in details.
- Also on Bug Club will be games for children to access to embed the sounds taught that week. These will be updated every Friday.
- Weekly handwriting sheets that support the children's phonics learning are being sent home every Friday. Where a child is off school these will be emailed.
- At least 30 minutes of online maths using Mathletics should be completed daily. Children have their own log ins for this. Please email your child's class teacher if your child has forgotten their log in details.
- Communication with class teachers will be maintained via class email accounts. Teachers will check these and respond within 3 days.
- Communication with the school will be maintained via the office email or telephone.
- Daily online learning should be completed using the video lessons and activities on the Oak National Academy schedule for each day
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year>
- A 'check in' phone call will be made from a member of the school's pastoral team once a week.
- A 'check in' phone call will be made from the class teacher once a week.

When an entire year group bubble has to isolate as a result of a positive test

All of the above methods to support home learning will be used. In addition:

- Daily video lessons and follow up activities will be delivered by the class teacher via Microsoft Teams. Our IT support are in the process of setting up staff and pupil Teams accounts and we will write to parents with children's log in details and a guide about how to use Teams as soon as the accounts are ready.
- Weekly lesson slides will be available on your child's Bug Club account to teach new sounds that would have been taught in class that week.
- We are sending home blank exercise books today for your child to work in should they have to isolate.

We are reviewing our plans regularly in light of any updates to government guidance for schools and will write to parents notifying you of any changes as and when necessary.

Kind regards,

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Head of School