

Thursday 24th September 2020

Dear Y1&2 parent/carer

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 consisting of at least one piece of Maths and at least one piece of English. Parents can go through the homework with the children at home, emailing any questions to teachers via the class email accounts.
- At least 30 minutes of online reading and comprehension using Bug Club 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.
- 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.
- We are sending home blank maths and English 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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