

8th January 2021 -Lockdown News Bird's Bush

What a very weird week!!!!!!

I want to say a massive thank you for all of your patience and understanding while we get everything sorted for Remote learning and In-school provision. Your messages and emails of support have really helped us this week and put a smile on our faces.

Please do not stress about anything! We are all learning how to get through this difficult time and we will get there. All of the remote learning links will be in the Bubble Team so you can go back to them or watch them at a different time if needed.

Most of you have managed to get onto the live sessions over the last 2 days and it has been lovely to see the children, and some parents, joining in!

I am really proud of the whole Bird's Bush Family (including children and parents) for your positive attitude this week, it will get less stressful as we get into a routine.

We will be reviewing the Remote learning arrangements at the end of next week so please send us your feedback and suggestions of how we can make it work for you.

The main thing we want it to be is manageable!

#### Critical workers

The latest guidance states "Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can." Children of Critical Workers are able to access provision in school but the point of this lockdown is to reduce transmission risk by reducing numbers of children in school. If everyone who can claim a CW place did, we would have over 2/3rds of the school in. This defeats the object of lockdown. We want to have all our staff and children back in school eventually so we need to do everything to keep each other safe. If you have no alternative then your child should come into school - they don't need to come everyday if you are part-time or you work shifts - we do need you to book the days you need in advance though. Thank you.

### Children considered Vulnerable

The Government guidance has a list of pupils that can be considered under this category. In order to keep our numbers reasonable we ask that where children can stay at home, they do. We have to give priority to those in the categories:

- Children with an EHCP plan
  - Children in care
- Children with a social worker
- Children who have specific needs already identified by school or external agencies

If your child fits in these categories they are entitled to a place in school **if you want to send them in- You don't have to**, we will continue to support you at home. Mrs Davies or Denese will be in touch with you directly to see how things are going and if you need any extra support.

# **Updates and reminders:**

#### In School

- Please wear a mask when on the school site.
- Please only 1 adult on site to drop off/collect children if older siblings are collecting they must not bring all of their mates with them.
  - Please allow children in from the pedestrian gate on their own
- Please make sure children wear extra layers of clothing classrooms need to be ventilated so may be cold at times
  - Arrival can be between 8.45and 9am the gates close at 9am.
    - Collection is 3pm and 1.15 or 3pm on Friday
  - Social distancing should be observed on the path and waiting area

## Remote learning at home

## • Don't Stress!!!!!

- An Announcement will be put on the Bubble Teams page at 8.45am each day with the plan for the day.
- The quickest way to contact the teacher is on the Teams chat or send an email to the class email. Some days, staff are working from home (to reduce numbers on site) so they may not be in school if you phone.
  - We will stick to the same timings for sessions each day so you know when to log on

- Oak Academy videos can be watched at a different time they are not live
  - Oak Academy works best on Google Chrome
- Purple Mash, Number Bots, TTRockStars and RWI videos can be fitted in wherever and if you can't get on to Teams
  - If you can't do it all, don't panic, focus on English and Maths. Read stories and play maths games some of you need to get your own work done too, we realise that.
    - Let us know how it's going

## DON'T STRESS - YOU ARE DOING AMAZINGLY!

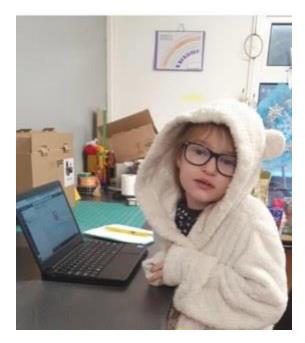












Send us your lockdown Remote Learning photos.



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