

Woodcroft Primary School



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Lockdown Remote Education and support

Dear parents/carers

Although we are still waiting for further guidance from the DFE, we have implemented an initial plan to support all of our pupils either in school or with remote learning. If your child has been offered a place in school you would have already been contacted to confirm their place. Those places we have been able to offer from Wednesday 6th January instead of Thursday 7th January and you will receive a separate letter confirming this.

Remote learning

Today, teachers have been working to adjust their planning and classroom delivery to accommodate pupils in class and for the majority of children who are now at home. Home learning will be via off-line work packs and live on-line lessons delivered by the teachers on Microsoft Teams. All children will be provided with a Teams log in and you will receive this separately shortly.

It is expected that children attend these lesson inputs on Teams prior to completing their work independently at home. Children will have a minimum of 3 lessons a day consisting of English, Maths and Topic. Teachers will deliver a range of inputs either 'live', via a recording or a separate instructional video.

Teachers will be taking a register at the start of each live lesson. Your classroom teacher will inform you of the timings of lessons across the school day. We will attempt to spread these out for siblings in different classes to allow for shared technology at home. Parents must supervise their children whilst online.

Teachers will want to see the work that is being produced at home as this helps their planning. Please share this on Dojo and retain the hard copies for the class teacher. We are trying at this stage to work out how these may be collected.

Work packs this week and moving forward

Teachers have been putting together a work pack that will be delivered tomorrow for all pupils not attending school. These packs are initially generic but appropriate for your child's age and have enough work for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. We will revert to our curriculum and 'live' lessons from Monday 11th January and you will receive the related work pack for these lessons on Friday 8th January.

You will then receive a new work pack on each subsequent Friday for the following week's lessons. Children at home will be provided with a text book this Friday to record their work and we are sending home stationery with this week's pack.

Class and whole school Assembly

On Friday 8th January, your class teacher will be holding a virtual class assembly at the following times:

Year R: 9:30am

Year 1: 9:50am

Year 2: 10:10am

Year 3: 10:30am

Year 4: 10:50am

Year 5: 11:10am

Year 6: 11:30am

They will send you a Teams invite for this class assembly. I will then be holding a whole school assembly at 2:30pm on Friday 8th January on Zoom. This invite will be sent to all parents separately and I am looking forward to delivering this to all children. Please mute your microphones and turn off your cameras for this assembly.

Free School Meals

Although we are waiting for further guidance and this may change, we are still providing food for all children entitled to Free School Meals who are at home. This does not include Universal Free School Meals.

However, staffing capacity means that we are unable to deliver food parcels to each home and therefore they will need to be collected from the school site. Remember, if your child is attending school you do not need to collect the food parcel as we are providing them with lunch in school. These food parcels will have enough food to make packed lunches for 5 days of the week.

This week our collection day is on Thursday and you will be provided with 4 days' worth of food which will compensate for pupils missing Tuesday to Friday this week. We will then do another collection on Monday 11th January and each subsequent Monday where food parcels will contain 5 days' worth of packed lunches.

Once we have a confirmed a time for collections we will let you know. Collections will be staggered to minimise contact. If you have children in multiple Year Groups then you only need to collect once for all of your children's food parcels. Further details of these collections will be sent to you tomorrow.

This is an incredibly stressful time for your children and families and we are available to support you in any way we can. Children have already missed a huge portion of schooling over the last year and we must minimise the impact on them as much as possible. It is essential that children engage with their learning at home and through the 'live' lessons that their teachers are delivering. Your classroom teachers are here to help, so please communicate via class Dojo's or the school office should you have any queries.

We are reacting to very little notice from the government and are preparing plans in line with the information we have currently. As further information is provided please be aware that these plans may change.

Yours faithfully,



Barry Fanning
Headteacher