

Woodcroft Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

School update

This week has been very challenging for both parents, staff and pupils, but once again I am hugely impressed with our children's resilience and adaptability, as they get used to remote learning. Well done to all of you!

If you can stay at home you must stay at home!

Since Wednesday 6th January, the school has been open for children of keyworkers and those pupils that benefit from additional support in school. This week the government have changed the tone of their message and if children can be at home then they must be. This includes those children of keyworkers where one parent may be at home. If you are a keyworker, please review your own circumstances and **if your child can be at home then at the moment they must.**

Please do talk to the school about your own circumstances and we will support where possible. We currently have 34% of our children in school and clearly we have to manage these numbers carefully to ensure we are minimising social contact between individuals.

Inset day 25th January

We have an inset day on the 25th January and will be closed to all children. Remember, if this causes you childcare issues then you can use support bubbles to help. Please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household>

Parents' role in remote learning

I fully appreciate that supporting your children to access remote learning is extremely stressful. The teachers have planned the work packs at the level that they know your child would access independently in class. **We do not expect parents to be sat with their children during 'live' lessons.** Please help your children log on if they need this support and then check with them occasionally that they are focused on their learning. It is very important that your children attempt the work by themselves with the support of their teacher or LSA who is online.

It is extremely important that your children are engaging with the teacher inputs online. This will guide them before they start their work and allow them the chance to interact with their class mates and ask questions.

This is a new way of working for all of us and we will continue to refine our practice to support your children. I have invited all parents to a 'Zoom' meeting today (Wednesday 13th) at 4pm to answer any queries regarding remote learning.

Laptops and 4G routers

Several of you have been in contact regarding the need for equipment or support with the internet. Yesterday, I was able to order 25 laptops and 4G routers that we will be able to loan to some families to help access remote learning. I am hopeful that these will be ready to send out next week.

Thank you for your patience and please do contact the school if you need support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fanning', written in a cursive style.

Mr Fanning