



Wednesday 13th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for the positive comments that you have expressed to staff. This really is very much appreciated. It seems that generally things are running smoothly, both in school and with the home learning. Where there have been issues hopefully these have been quickly resolved.

This week we have tried to limit places in school to children of parents who are critical to the COVID effort. The DFE has asked parents, even those who fall into the wider definition of critical/ key workers, to keep their children at home. They have also advised your employers, (including if you are critical/ key workers) to expect that you only go in if you are operationally required to be at work and cannot work from home. The expectation being that your child should remain home even if you are working from home.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOME LEARNING

We appreciate your support in keeping your child safe and learning from home. We understand that everyone's circumstances will be different and accept that there may be limitations as a result of home-working or other siblings in the home. We do not want to add any additional pressure and will endeavour to support you with any technical difficulties.

For support from school please contact:

- The class teacher in the first instance if your child is having difficulties with their work/technical issues;
- Mrs Albustany for any support/advice regarding Special Educational Needs;
- Mrs Catterall if you require any Social, Emotional, Behavioural or family support;
- Mrs Brooks if you don't feel your issue can be easily resolved.

Please remember that all class teachers are teaching full-time throughout the day, but will get back to you when they are able to. This should not be in the evening. Your child should treat each day as a school day i.e. not in pyjamas or eating breakfast on a Zoom call. It is unfair to the children who are in school if those at home are not sticking to the Remote Policy and Parent Agreement.

FOR THOSE ATTENDING SCHOOL

We appreciate that many of you may be working in challenging circumstances and it is an anxious time to be sending your child into school. We are continually reviewing our practice and risk assessments to further minimise risk. Therefore, we ask that you leave the pathway down the side of school clear and adhering to social distancing, for children to enter the Great Meadow Gate without having to pass parents/carers. It helps if you can keep your arrival time as close to the designated time as possible. I understand that some parents/carers are exempt from wearing

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masks. Some of the older children are naturally quite anxious, particularly children with parents working in high-risk jobs. It would be helpful if those people could respectfully wear exemption lanyards to support the children's understanding.

Good luck everyone and stick with it.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katy Brooks'.

Katy Brooks
Headteacher