



NORTHSTEAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Friday 8th January 2021

I am writing to inform you of some changes to the way we will be teaching your children both at home and at school for the foreseeable future during the current lock down.

All children, whether at home or in school will be following the same curriculum and the same timetables as far as possible.

Home schooling

As from Monday 11th January 2021, the class teachers will lead all home learning. They will be posting a weekly overview of the week's work prior to the Monday and will then post work every day during the week. In addition, they will post daily vlogs and will be providing support throughout the day via Dojo. There will also links to lessons on a variety of platforms, which may include Oak Academy, Jane Considine (writing), Ruth Miskin (phonics) and others. During the week, they may also arrange Zoom meetings for live face-to-face contact with the children. They will also be phoning you at least once a week to speak to you and your child to see how you are getting on at home.

Please see the DfE guidance below

'The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. The amount of remote education provided should be, as a minimum:

- Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day on average, with less for younger children
- Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day '

In school

The children in class bubbles will be supervised and supported by teams of Teaching Assistants to follow the curriculum as planned. In addition, there will be at least one teacher from each year group in school to provide guidance and support as required.

If your child is at home for some days and in school on others please try to do the work set on the correct days as far as possible to ensure continuity of learning between home and school.

In accordance with the Government guidance below, please only send your child to school when absolutely necessary.

'Limiting attendance is about supporting the reduction of the overall number of social contacts in our communities. We have resisted restrictions on attendance at schools since the first lockdown but, in the face of the rapidly rising numbers of cases across the country and intense pressure on the NHS, we now need to use every lever at our disposal to reduce all our social contacts wherever possible.'

Fridays- Early pick up times.

We will be carrying out a deep clean of the school on Friday afternoons. If possible, please pick your child up from school at 1.10 p.m. from their usual pick up point. If you are not able to pick up early, we will supervise your child for the afternoon and you can pick up as usual. The after school club will also be open if needed.

Thank you for your support

Jim Lidgley

