



Roundwood Primary Newsletter

11th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have all managed as best you can through the first week of lockdown - I know these are challenging times for everyone and so wanted to thank you for your emails – we all welcome the support and feedback. Staff have been working furiously and often late into the evenings ensuring everything you need is ready and available.

Staff availability

I made the decision to close due to staffing, as there had been positive covid cases as well as a number of staff self-isolating. This is still the case and we are all working very hard to support our colleagues and prepare all resources. Over the coming week we hope to have more of our staff community back to support our Remote learning.

Remote Learning

It is important that this closure does not mean that the children who are at home miss out on their learning. All children have access to learning online, whether through Mini Mash/Purple Mash (Years R to Y2) or Google Classroom (KS2). We are trying to provide a wide range of activities as well as reminding everyone to do reading, but I would strongly encourage everyone to find their own rhythm and balance – and find what is manageable for your own children and you.

We are seeking to continuously improve our remote learning offer, with the introduction of more live elements and increasing the interaction we have with the children.

I do not ever envisage a full day on Zoom though for the children –the learning we set will always include more activities which can be done either offline or using videos/pre-recorded materials as we try to help you balance the demands on time and technology in your own homes.

More information will be sent home shortly regarding zoom registrations and interactive sessions for all years.

Sufficient access to data and to technology has been a hot topic in the news this weekend – please contact the school in confidence if this is an issue impacting your family.

And finally - if you have any technical problems with accessing your child’s remote learning, please email the office.





Critical Worker/ EHCP and Vulnerable Provision

Please read my email dated 7th January. Our new survey will be sent to all this week.

Thank you in advance for your support and partnership with us on this – and as ever, if you do have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

I will continue to emphasise the importance of keeping your child at home if you can, whether or not you are a critical worker. We have had to close one of our critical worker bubbles this week due to a positive case. With case rates so high, this is inevitable, but highlighted that the more children in school, the higher the risk of this happening again. For the safety of your children and minimising the risk to children of other key workers (and not least the impact also of them having to self-isolate for 10 days), please only use the provision if you have no alternative.

BBC TV

BBC TV is to help children keep up with their studies during the latest lockdown by broadcasting lessons on BBC Two and CBBC, as well as online.

The BBC will show curriculum-based programmes on TV from Monday.

They will include three hours of primary school programming every weekday on CBBC, and at least two hours for secondary pupils on BBC Two.

Online Safety

This continues to be of paramount importance. Online safety concerns should still be reported to the school's Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Hooft, Mrs Brennan or Mrs Kraushaar.

The following websites offer useful support:

- [Childline](#) - for support
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - to report and remove harmful online content
- [CEOP](#) - for advice on making a report about online abuse

In addition, the following sites are an excellent source of advice and information:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

Bag2School clothes

Unfortunately the Bag2School clothes recycle collection has been postponed until further notice.

Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams can be accessed via @Xbox and @PlayStation consoles. So remote learning can be accessed via these platforms. Spread the word! Makes access to resources even easier!



