

## **Friday Flyer – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parent,

Thank you all for your continued support as we operate school in a remote way during this lockdown. It has been lovely to see the plethora of responses on See-Saw and Tapestry and to see lots of you on the class and whole school Zoom meetings.

### **CRITICAL WORKERS**

In school we have two critical worker groups. It is important that the group sizes are kept to a minimum to support the reduction in transmission of the virus. These 'bubbles' are important in enabling critical, key workers to carry out their roles.

I would ask that all parents who are sending their children into school to **review their needs** in line with the guidance below;

**If your child possibly can be looked after at home, even if you are a critical worker, you should not send them to school. This is government guidance.**

Equally, I would encourage you to use the provision only when you need to – for example half days or only when you need – Mon, Tues, Fri.

Please tell us if you no longer need a place in school.

### **REMOTE LEARNING**

Around 25 Chromebook laptops have been loaned to support learning at home. Please do let me know if you need one or more – I am more than happy to set up on your Wi-Fi from a safe distance too!

I appreciate that supporting learning at home can be difficult and challenging. I have worked with staff to ensure that the work set is broad, balanced and as accessible as possible. We are adapting and changing as we go. The responses to the learning have been amazing. Please do bear in mind that staff may have their own children at home too so are juggling their teaching/support roles and parental responsibilities.

I am also mindful that you will have your own differing demands at home that will shape how you approach the tasks set. Please **do** find your own rhythms and routines. Getting out for some exercise and fresh air is important – make sure you factor this into your day! There are a range of activities on these Padlets should you need additional inspiration or support; [Home Learning - All the Padlets!](#)

### **E-SAFETY**

This website - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting> is a great source of advice and ideas around supporting you and your family with navigating the internet safely. Whether on phone, tablet, computer or gaming platform – there are resources to help.

Please take the time to chat with your child about their online usage and safety, as we do regularly in school. The latest Digital Parenting magazine is here (and attached alongside the Flyer).

[https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/31/page/799147\\_page\\_file.pdf](https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/31/page/799147_page_file.pdf)

These guides on our e-safety Padlet are also useful - <https://en-gb.padlet.com/head260/djn1jsffrdiuy>

### **PENGUINS ASSEMBLY**

Thank you for joining in with our assembly last week. It was so lovely to see such a range of responses from many of you. I've made a short video of lots of your art and quotes. You can find it here;

<https://youtu.be/5g14gy02-gQ>



I know that you will all have questions around when school will re-open. The simple answer is that I do not know. I will of course, as always, let you know when we are given the go ahead to open safely. We are more than likely looking at some point after the February half term. As educators, we all entered this profession to teach face to face and to offer an exciting learning environment where social interactions support development and growth. Naturally, we want to get back to that as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, we will continue to support you from a distance as much as we are able. We won't always get it right and that is when we learn and change. Thank you for the many supportive and positive e-mails, donations of laptops and kind gifts. It shows that we understand we are in this together and will get through it together.

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**Stay Safe.**

Mr Wearing, Miss Creek & the Kelsall Team.

