

**RE: Home Learning**

Dear Parent,

7 January 2021

As you are aware, our school is now closed until after half-term in February. If this current period of lockdown goes to plan, we anticipate reopening for the children on Monday 22nd February. The staff all look forward to having the children back in school then and we sincerely hope that this will be the case.

For this period of home learning, we had sent home packs last term and you should now be able to access additional information and instructions on the class webpage. The feedback from many parents during last lockdown was that having hard copies was much better than having lots of tasks posted online, which required to be printed or completed online. That is why we have continued with this. However, the home learning packs will need to be 'topped up' and below is a timetable for this and we would ask that parents/carers/relatives/friends call to the school at the dates/times shown to collect packs and leave completed work.

Please make a note of the dates:

Date	Year Group / Time	Requirement
Fri 15 Jan	Y1-2 + older siblings / 9.30 – 10.15 Y3-4 + older siblings /10.15 – 11.00 Y5-7 /11.00 – 12.00	Collect new packs (for Mon 18 Jan-Fri 29 Jan) Return completed work for assessment (7 Jan-14 Jan)
Fri 29 Jan	Y1-2 + older siblings / 9.30 – 10.15 Y3-4 + older siblings /10.15 – 11.00 Y5-7 /11.00 – 12.00	Collect new packs (for Mon 1 Feb-Fri 12 Feb) Return completed work for assessment (15 Jan-28 Jan)
Mon 22 Feb	Anticipated reopening date	Remaining completed work returned to school

New packs can be collected from the school sports hall and returned work left.

Due to the volume of work arriving back to school at one time, it would be almost impossible for teachers to mark it all in a reasonable period of time and where answers have been provided, we would ask the parents mark as much as possible prior to returning the completed work for the teachers to assess. We really appreciate your help with this, as the teachers will still be engaged in providing and preparing for future. They have already had to replan everything that they had planned for this 6-week block and this takes time. If you keep an eye on the class webpage your child's teacher will indicate which work needs to be returned for assessment.

When work is returned, please make sure that your child's name is on all work and, if you received previous packs in a file or folder, then this could be used to return work, to help keep it all together.

We do understand that this can be a difficult time for parents and it is worth remembering that many of the staff are also parents who are balancing the challenges of working from home, supervising key worker children in school, providing work for their classes and also home schooling! We all share the same worries and concerns about health and well-being for ourselves and our families.

Finally, staff hope to make some sort of contact with you over the coming days/weeks, more so to check in with the children. Most likely this will be in the form of a short phone call, but some of the teachers are hoping that video calls may be able to be facilitated – we will see if this can be managed effectively. If you receive a call from a withheld number this could be someone from school trying to contact you, so please answer. Mrs Watson will not be in the office every day, but any queries can be sent to our email account.

We sincerely hope that all associated with our school community remain safe and well during this period.

Kind regards,

A. Armstrong

Principal