

Dear Parent/carer,

You are receiving this email as your child/children will be taught remotely from the 5-18th January. This period could be extended by the Government if the R rate does not reduce.

Please ensure your child/children log on to Google Classroom in the morning to ensure they are marked present. If we do not hear from you by 10.30 we will follow our first day call procedure and visit your home or contact other agencies to visit you to ensure your child is safe. Please phone the school in the normal way if your child is to be absent. By not doing so an unnecessary home visit to you could delay a visit to another child genuinely at risk.

We fully realise the challenges of home schooling as well as the lack of space and technology. For families with more than one child sharing a device it can be particularly difficult. It is important that all children are first registered with their class. You can do this anytime between 8.00am and 9.30am in all classrooms. Thereafter, we have tried to schedule our live session provision to allow for children in different year groups to share the same device and still take part in live sessions. Please see the attached timetable for scheduled live sessions throughout the day. Some children may still experience crossover with their siblings. However, all Maths and English sessions will be saved online and your child will be able to complete them at any point. Your child may, for example, have to choose to attend one live session and miss another but then complete the set task later. If possible, all children should try to attend one live session per day. This daily contact with their teachers and peers is important.

We are only offering work packs to children who cannot access the curriculum via Google Classrooms. I attach our remote learning offer for your information. If you need a lap top/device please contact the school office as we have a very limited number of donated devices we can loan to the most needy families. The DfE have also allocated us 5 lap tops. We will issue those on a case by case basis.

If you or your child need additional help please contact your class teacher in the first instance. Please also contact Mrs Evans if you need support for your family. Emails will be replied to within the normal 48 hours term time and usually within 24 hours.

If you have any concerns about the safety of your children or others please contact me directly or phone the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. Other support includes NHS Talking Therapies – [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) – this includes an urgent mental health helpline emergency number for 24 hour support and the Samaritan's helpline Tel. 116123.

Please do send in anything you would like the school to celebrate in the school newsletter. It is always a pleasure to see what the children are doing at home.

Take good care and remember we are here if you need us.