



7th January, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday night, the Prime Minister announced a new national lockdown until February half-term. We had no advance notice of the government's plans and had initially expected to be closed for only 2 weeks.

During this period of national lockdown:

- School is open to children of key-workers and those pupils who are vulnerable. Wrap-around childcare at Breakfast and After-school Club is also available to these children at the usual cost.
- All other pupils will learn at home using Google Classroom.

The government has told schools that these arrangements will be in place until February half-term. We will tell you about any changes as soon as we know.

For those pupils learning at home (Remote Learning Provision Policy can be found on our websites - [Wood End Infants School](#) and [Wood End Academy](#)), our expectations are:

- The teachers plan lessons and tasks for the children from the subjects in our planned curriculum for their age group.
- Teachers will be providing at least 3 hours of work daily.
- Pupils should be completing 1 long piece of writing each week.
- Teachers should be setting work with high expectations and challenges.
- We are using a blend of our own video lessons and lessons from other sources.
- Teachers decide which resources are best used to deliver new content. They continue to work together each week, remotely, to plan and assess pupils' learning.
- Teachers have video conference meetings with their class, through Google Classroom. These times will be staggered, so that families with limited ICT equipment and siblings in other classes can access the meetings.
- Story-time helps us continue to promote a love of reading and gives a 'softer' chance to see a teacher. Staff will be sharing story-time videos.
- Pupils with special educational needs and their own education, health and care plan (EHCP) will have a video call or phone call with Mrs Morton on a regular basis.
- Pupils in catch-up programmes/interventions will continue their programme at home or in school, where appropriate.





- Teachers will check completed work in Google Classroom and feedback in a variety of ways to your child.

Teachers are working hard to support learning at home as well as the Key Worker and Vulnerable children in school. We are better prepared with better technology at our fingertips now compared to March 2020. There may be initial teething issues as teachers get used to working in a different way.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the class teacher through the school office. If concerns persist, please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Mrs Smith, Mr Hickman and I will talk to groups of pupils and parents to seek their views from time to time to guide our approach.

We understand that parents will have a wide range of competing pressures at home, including their own workload and access to devices. Inevitably, there will be a range of views about our approach to remote learning.

Pupils will remain at the heart of our approach. We all need to do the best that we possibly can to help our pupils and your children during this lockdown.

Finally, I would like to thank my staff team for their support and dedication to making all this possible. They are making sacrifices in their personal lives and hard decisions about who they spend time with as they are now opening themselves and their families up to a greater risk of infection.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mr Warner Stainbank

Executive Headteacher

