



'Together in God's Love: aim high, stay strong, be determined.'

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Re: In-school provision and remote learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

My sincere thanks to you all for your cooperation and patience during these first few days of term; as ever, we strive to work closely with home in delivering the best opportunities for all children. I would also like to thank staff for their hard work and flexibility during these challenging times. Our staff team prioritise your children's safety, well-being and education.

In-school provision

This continues for limited numbers of children (those whose parents are classed as 'critical workers', and other identified children – based on government guidance). In restricting attendance, schools are endeavouring to reduce the risk of transmission as per the government guidance released yesterday. Schools are being asked to do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing while delivering their curriculum. However, access to in-school provision for critical worker status is an option and where parents or families are able to make alternative arrangements, with the potential for creating 'childcare bubbles', this will then help us in limiting the numbers and therefore, the contacts in school.

Remote Learning

The blended approach to delivering our curriculum, with both in-school and remote learning, is planned so that all children are accessing the same work, set by their teacher and in line with age appropriate and curriculum content. Currently, all remote learning provision is set via the school website and children access this via the 'Student Log-In' as in the previous lockdown; it is predominantly tasks that children can complete and record in their Remote Learning exercise book and supplemented with video tutorials for some tasks. The SLT continue to review this with staff and initially for next week, there are slight changes.

Each teacher has planned a wellbeing Zoom call for their class (details below and codes to follow via email from your child's teacher). These initial contact calls will be used to 'check-in' with children and their peer group and will be a chance for us to gauge accessibility for children.

Class 1: Thursday 11am; Class 2: Tuesday 11am; Class 3: Friday 11am; Class 4: Wednesday 11am; Class 5: Friday 1.30pm

Year 6 children will next week have twice daily TEAMS calls: one at 9.15am to give an overview of the work for that day, the other at 1pm; each call will be approximately 30 minutes. Please make every effort for your child to attend these however, if you are unable to do so, all the work remains available via TEAMS as currently – including the video tutorials recorded by Mrs Stubbs.

Throughout next week, we will again be reviewing and updating our remote offer as we work towards the expectations set out by the government in respect of content and quantity for different age groups. Therefore, I must again ask that you please bear with us as we work towards enhancing our current remote offer and we hope to be in a position to present our revised offer from Monday, 18th January.

For those families eligible for free school meals who are not accessing in-school provision, I will update you as early as possible on Monday with details of food provision. All those who are attending school will continue to be provided with a school meal – more details of menu to follow in due course.

Thank you all for your continued support and for all that you are doing to ensure the safety and well-being for all members of our school community. This is not the start to term that we wished for or were looking forward to. However, I am sure that we will work together to ensure that our children remain happy and continue to make progress in their education. We can all look forward to a brighter future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R. Woods
Headteacher

This is the 'St. David's Way' – a vein that runs through everything we do.
It helps us aim high - helps us stay strong - keeps us determined - binds us together.
Shows us the way to live - raises aspirations - makes the impossible possible
and is rooted in our five core values: FRIENDSHIP, TRUST, HOPE, ENDURANCE & WISDOM.

