

Dear Parents /Carers

Thank You ...

Thank you for your patience and understanding last week as we re-opened on Wednesday to Vulnerable and Critical Worker children. We hope that the children at home are continuing to enjoy and engage in our Remote Learning Provision. It has been amazing to see how well the children have adapted. Staff have been really pleased with the quality and creativity of the work that has been submitted. We appreciate that this is a big change for everyone and understand there is a lot of work for the children to complete each day, especially when you have more than one child to cater for. However, it is important that as a school we continue to provide what the Government has instructed us to do. We just ask that you support your child/children to access what they can and build upon this as you settle into new routines.

Feedback...

At present we have had to amend the amount of written feedback that we provide the children, this is due to the reduced availability of our staff. We recognise the importance of individual feedback and appreciate the positive impact it has on children's learning and motivation. As soon as we are able to increase the individual written feedback we will. Please continue to support your child to submit the work that they are asked to via the VLE each day.

Live Lessons...

English and Maths Live Teams meetings will continue to be delivered by teachers this week. These links will be sent to you in advance for these lessons. At present, we are unable to resume the additional Live Teams meetings in the afternoon for foundation subjects. However, all of the resources that the children need for these lessons will be uploaded daily on the VLE. Please continue to support your child/children to engage in these lessons as part of their Remote Learning timetable.

There will be Live Storytime sessions for EYFS children on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Teams Chat...

Please can we ask you to remind your child/children that the chat facility on the Live Teams meeting is to be used for specific purposes. This is likely to be to type in their name when they log in to show that they are present and to give a response to the teacher when they are asked a question. Thank you for your continued support.

Teams Rules....

The rules for Teams meetings are displayed at the beginning of live lessons for KS1 & 2 and cover things such as:

Aiming to join meetings on time each day

Being appropriately dressed for meetings

Keeping the microphone on mute unless asked to unmute

Using the hands up facility to ask a question

Only using the chat facility when asked to do so

Please can we ask you to support your child/children to remember and continue to follow these rules.

Assemblies...

Dan Sach from West Kirby United Reformed Church will be delivering online assemblies for Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – Years 6), which we know many of the children enjoyed in week 2. You will receive a Zoom link to the assembly from the School Office, so please look out for this. It would be great if we could see even higher numbers attending this time.

Hopes and Dreams Assembly

Tuesday 26th January – 2pm (Key Stage Two)
Wednesday 27th January – 2pm (Key Stage One)

National Story Telling Week Assembly

Tuesday 2nd February– 2pm (Key Stage Two)
Wednesday 3rd February – 2pm (Key Stage One)

Online Safety...

Children are spending much more time online in the current circumstances. As always Online Safety and the Safeguarding of the children is paramount. Last week, we were made aware of some children being unkind and disrespectful to others in online chat groups. We understand that these chat groups are a way of children keeping in touch with their friends at a time when they are unable to do so in person. However, sometimes the online world, just like the real world, can introduce friendship problems, or disagreements, which the children are unsure how to deal with. The children need to ensure that they are kind to others and considerate of the feelings of others online just as they do in the real world.

Please encourage your child to talk to you about any online activity that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. Can we ask for your continued support to monitor your child's online activity.

Please find below some links to websites, which may help you when talking to your child about being kind online.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/cyberbullying>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z9rw7ty>

<https://youtu.be/zg9AgR8l7QI>

Assessing Remote Learning...

We know that access to a computer/device for Remote Learning is a challenge for some families. Please let the school office know if your child/children have no access to a computer/device at home in order to engage daily in their Remote Learning. We have a couple of options available that may support some families.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please get in touch with us via the school office or our key stage emails.

Thank you again for your continued support at this challenging time.