

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! I just want to say a big thank you to you all for bearing with us through all the confusion.

Remote Learning

Teachers will be providing online learning for the children; this will be a mixture of live lessons; recorded lessons and video clips from websites such as The National Oak Academy and Read Write Inc. Teachers and TAs will also be online at certain times to support children in completing their activities; staff will be in touch via Class Dojo to let you know when this will be. If you need work packs to be provided because of difficulties in accessing the online learning, please let class teachers know.

We understand how difficult it can be for some of you to ensure your child completes their learning; a lack of devices; difficulties with internet access; the lack of a quiet space and children preferring to be doing something else can all cause significant problems. We encourage you to do your best to establish a routine for learning and to try to ensure your child completes the necessary tasks. However, if there are real difficulties, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Key Worker Places

If your child needs a place in school because you are a key worker and you have no alternative provision, please email the school office. Places need to be booked a week in advance by emailing the school office; please now avoid using Class Dojo for this purpose. Children in school will need to wear their school uniform and bring a packed lunch. The times of the school day are as normal; please don't collect your child early unless it is an emergency as this is disruptive for those working in school. **Please only request a key worker place if you really have no alternative provision.**

FSM Vouchers

Children who are entitled to benefits related free school meals will again receive vouchers. The Trust are in the process of setting this up again. We will be in touch as soon as we have any details. In the meantime, if any of you need any support with accessing food, please get in touch with either myself or Michell Scott, our family support worker.

Messaging

Staff will be in regular contact with you via Class Dojo and telephone calls. To ensure they get a break, can we please ask that you only send messages to them between 8.30am and 4.30pm and not at the weekends. If a matter is really urgent and you need to make contact in the evenings, please message me or Mr Gascoyne and we will respond as soon as we can. Again, I must stress this is only if the matter is extremely urgent.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Margaret Newcombe

