

News from the Federation – 8th January 2021



Welcome back and thank you for your patience with the sudden changes that were announced by the government.

As you can imagine, we have been working hard to adapt our planning to enable teaching to commence via Google Classroom (Tapestry for Early Years) and organise and implement staffing and rota systems to enable children of critical workers to attend school during this new lockdown. We are very pleased to confirm that school places have been allocated for vulnerable children and those of critical workers. Children attending school will complete work that has been set for them on Google Classroom by their class teachers. We would like to assure all parents that all children will have access to the same content and no one is disadvantaged as long as they engage in the learning.

We are also delighted to confirm that we are able to offer After School Club facilities (for those children of critical workers who are attending school) from next week from 3pm - 5.30pm at £15 per session. Further details have been sent out to parents who requested places.

- Children coming into school are to arrive for a start at 8:50am and wait at their classroom entrance.
- School will finish at 3pm and children will be released to their parents/carers from the external door of their classroom.
- Please ensure that children of Years 5 and 6 bring a good/big snack as their lunchtime will be at around 12.45pm each day.
- Uniform is not expected but children should come in wearing appropriate clothing according to the weather.

Term Dates

Spring Half Term
Monday 15th February
2021

Last day of Spring Term
Friday 26th March 2021

First day of Summer Term
Monday 12th April 2021

Summer Half Term
Friday 28th May 2021

Last day of Summer Term
Thursday 22nd July 2021

Expectations for Learning during lockdown.

- Unlike for the last lockdown, this time children attending school will not be in for just childcare but be engaged in completing the learning set for them on Google Classrooms by their teacher.
- Timetable for learning will have been sent out to parents of all children for every class. This will include: daily maths, English, reading/phonics and a foundation subject (science, history, geography etc).
- Planned teaching has been adapted for online teaching for all year groups so that children are receiving the learning that was already planned for them in order to cover the curriculum for their year group.
- All teachers will ensure that there is a weekly live catch up with the children in their class via Google Classrooms.
- There will be combination of recorded lessons for maths, English and phonics/reading and some instructional presentations/slideshows/demos for children to support them in their learning.
- At least 3 selected pieces of maths and English work will be marked or receive next step/feedback comments to help children understand what they are doing well and how they need to make improvements for progress.
- Government guidance suggests that schools offer 3 hours of teaching to KS1 and 4 hours for KS2 and we will be ensuring that our content is in accordance with this.