

Good Afternoon,

Sorry this is slightly delayed in coming, but as you can imagine, it has been a rather busy day.

We now have our plans in place for the next 2 weeks of remote learning. I have attached our policy again – just in case you have misplaced the one sent last term.

There is no 'perfect' or 'ideal' way of providing remote learning for children at home. You all have such vastly different circumstances and it is impossible to suit the needs of every family or child.

However, what we offer, is a varied menu of live lessons, online learning, web based activities as well as worksheets.

We totally understand that some families do not have access to technology whilst some parents need their technology for their online meetings and work. We also totally understand that some parents are going to find it incredibly challenging to supervise their children's work. As I have always stated, it is your child's emotional well-being which is key throughout these unprecedented times.

Whenever the children return to school 'properly', we will have systems in place and additional teaching and interventions to help any child who may have fallen slightly behind. The last thing any parent needs at the moment is the worry that they are not doing enough for their child or they cannot give their child as much time during the working day as they feel they would like.

We are here to support you all throughout the next two weeks – please use us!

### **Live Zoom Lessons**

These will take place for all children from Year 1 to Year 6. Reception will be given one Zoom lesson at 12pm every day – this is just a catch up and a keeping in touch call for both the children in school and those working from home.

	<b>Maths</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
Year 5 & 6 Lessons:	8.45am	10.45am	12.45pm
Year 3 & 4 Lessons:	9.15am	11.15am	1.15pm
Year 1 & 2 Lessons:	9.45am	11.45am	1.45pm

### **Work Packs**

All work sheets and activities will be uploaded to eSchools for all children in Years 1 – 6. However, if you would like a hard copy of all worksheets, please email your child's class teacher. These will be available to collect from 12pm on Tuesday or can be delivered if you are isolating. The work for next week will be available for collection from 1pm on Friday lunchtime.

### **Assembly/Worship**

We will have our collective gathering of the whole school at 2.15pm for Assembly or Worship every day. This will be led by a number of different staff during the course of the week.

### **Twitter Challenges**

I will post a daily twitter challenge which will be a more fun and creative challenge for children and whole families to get involved in. We would encourage you to share any photos from these challenges. Follow us: @LanchesterEP if you don't already!

### **Overview for Early Years – Nursery and Reception**

In EYFS, daily tasks will be sent via Evidence Me. Please note, as the EYFS curriculum is play-based, the activities provided may be open ended and will need some adult support to get the most out of them.

**Nursery children** should expect a welcome message from their Key Worker, three play-based activity ideas and a story each day. We will also flag up activities on Busy Things which will support their daily learning.

**Reception children** will have a phonics session, a maths task, a creative/outdoor activity and a story each day, plus a daily Zoom session at 12pm with their class teacher to keep in touch. To supplement these activities, they will also have work set via Busy Things and Purple Mash and will be assigned reading books via Rising Stars Online.

Parents are encouraged to upload evidence of their child's learning to Evidence Me for teacher feedback. A guide to this is available on the Evidence Me website <http://help.evidence.me/evidence-me-help-for-parents/>

In the event of a family having no access to the required technology, a weekly grid will detail the activities that children can access to cover the curriculum.

### **Key Worker and Vulnerable Children**

If you have been offered a place in school under either of these categories, you will have receive an email from school before 4pm today. Please note the following information:

- Children start and finish at their usual times and should enter and exit using their usual doors. The only exceptions are Reception children who will all start at 9am and finish at 3pm, Year 1 children who will all finish at 3.15pm and Year 4 children who should all now enter via the main drive adjacent to the All Weather Pitch.
- All children attending school should wear normal school uniform.
- Face masks should be worn by adults at all times when on school premises – school staff will also be wearing them to protect all members of our school community.
- Only one adult per family is allowed on the school site to drop off and collect children.

- Please note that during this period of partial closure, there is NO wrap around care provision.

As one of our parents has said a number of times, we are all in this together and we will get through this together. However challenging it is, this is not going to be for an extended period of time, this is not going to last forever and with a little bit of hope, we will soon see an end to this period of uncertainty and hardship which we are all experiencing.

Please remember that we are in this position because we are all trying desperately to keep everyone safe so that we can all enjoy life as we know it again as soon as possible.

If I can help with anything, please let me know. If I don't reply to your email within 24 hours, please re-send it! Sometimes they do drop off the end of a rather long page...

Mrs Jane Davis  
Head Teacher