

11th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

A Big Thank you

As a school we would like to say a massive thank you to all of our pupils, parents and carers that have continued to engage with us this half term, either through in-school provision or remote learning.

We would also like to thank you for the positive comments you have made about the staff during this half term. It is always nice to know that our hard work is noticed and appreciated.

We know that for many of you for various reasons this last half term will have been very stressful, whether you are a keyworker or having to work from home and juggle educating your child too. We appreciate everything you have done to support your child in their education during this lockdown.

Staff that have been providing remote learning have been outstanding in maintaining high expectations and supporting all of our children, who are currently not in school. They are certainly working longer than they would do if in school.

We hope that you feel we have been there to support you.
If there is anything else we can support you with do please contact the school to discuss this.

Remote learning Engagement

As a school, we have been impressed with the number of pupils that are now fully engaging with their remote learning.

Of those children that are having to do their learning remotely we currently have about 80% of them completing **all** of their daily tasks. These children and families know that education is central to success in life.

For us as a school the worry is the 10% of children who are not engaging in remote learning at all. This is very frustrating as we have made many attempts to engage these children and families. We have to remember this lack of engagement will impact on a child's future. If your child is one of these we would urge you to contact us to discuss how we can engage them in their learning.

Devices

The school have been lucky enough to secure further laptops from the DfE. If your child is currently accessing remote learning and you feel they would benefit from using a laptop rather than their current device please do contact us urgently.

School provision for key-worker children and vulnerable children

As mentioned previously we have been impressed with the attitude to learning and the quality of work produced by the children in school.

Currently, during a week 40% of our children on roll from reception through to Y6 are accessing our in-school provision. Twenty-nine percent of those in school are vulnerable children and the other seventy-one percent are child of keyworkers.

Please remember school is closed to **all** week commencing 15th February. Our in-school provision will resume on the 22nd February.

Don't forget you **must** book your child in, whether you are a keyworker or your child is in as they are vulnerable.

If your child is not booked in and you arrive at the school gate with them, we are within our rights to turn them away.

Reading

Please remember that the online reading books are still accessible during the school holidays.

Benefits Entitled Free School Meals

A little reminder that if your child is in reception, year one or year two and receives universal free school meals, you can still apply for benefits entitled free school meals.

If a child is in receipt of benefits entitled free school meals, they could have access to a laptop to support remote learning, along with meal vouchers and a breakfast pack to support feeding your child during lockdown.

If you feel your financial situation has changed and that you might now be eligible for benefits entitled free school meals you should apply by ringing 0300 500 8080 or via the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Please get in touch if you do have a question, need something clarifying or want to discuss something with us.

Remember to follow lockdown rules because the sooner the figures go down the sooner schools will open for all children.



Mrs C.A. Smith (Head of School)