



# Kidmore End CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would still like to wish you all a Happy New Year in these strangest of circumstances.

Mrs Hull remains on compassionate leave and thank you for your kind messages of support which we have of course passed on.

Thank you for your understanding over the last two weeks following the announcement of school closures. We realise the inconvenience this creates for you and the disruption to your child's learning. The number of key worker children requiring a place in school has increased significantly since the last lockdown, and more staff are required to oversee this. Thank you also for your feedback about home learning, and while we will continue to review and adapt provision in this evolving situation, there are some immediate changes we have planned, which are outlined below.

## What you can expect from us:

Work will be uploaded by 8pm the night before, to enable you to plan your day ahead. This will consist of daily maths and English tasks and a non-core subject assignment.

At the start of the day, teachers will meet with the children via Google classroom to explain the tasks of the day to the children and celebrate any previous good work.

Throughout the day teachers will be available to give feedback, mark and return children's work and to answer any queries from parents via email. Children should contact teachers via Google classroom.

## Changes to home learning

From the week of 25<sup>th</sup> January, we will be adding in extra face-to-face sessions on a daily basis. These will be different depending on age, are optional, and are intended to offer greater support or challenge depending on the activity:

- Years 5&6 will have an additional session Mondays – Thursday at 11.30 (Mrs. Thomas will lead the Year 5 sessions and Miss Dove the Year 6 sessions).
- Year 4 will run additional sessions Monday – Thursday at 11.00 (these will be led by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Bickerton).

- In Year 3 Mrs Griffiths will offer sessions on Wednesday and Thursday at 11.00.
- In Key Stage 1, Years 1&2 – will hold an additional session at 1.00 Monday – Wednesday.
- In Foundation - Mrs. Hinnell is currently running phonics sessions and will hold show and tell with small groups.

In addition, there will be a daily story for each class – this will be pre-recorded - this might be an adult other than your child's class teacher.

## What we ask from you:

- Please ensure that your child attends the Google meeting at the start of the day.
- If your child is ill, please notify the office. We will obviously not expect them to complete work, but would like to know everyone at home is safe and well.
- Please upload or email any work your child completes so that we can provide feedback.
- Please continue to hear your child read, or read to them. KS1 children have received packs of reading books. Should any KS2 child need more reading material please let us know.
- Ensure that your child has daily exercise.

We really hope that this answers some of your questions regarding remote learning provision. Should you have any additional questions please contact the office. If you have difficulties accessing the remote learning due to lack of devices please let us know and we will try to help.

We understand the challenges of home learning, and we realise that only by working together can we ease the pressure for our children and for all of us. Thanks you for your continued support and stay safe.

**Miss Dove, Mrs. Ferguson and all the staff at Kidmore End.**