



St Lawrence C of E (Aided) Junior School

5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well here we go again! Lockdown with very short notice. We managed to send out a parent mail last night after the Government statement at 8pm (albeit several times due to the IT system being faulty!) and we thank you for keeping your children home at such short notice. I am sure this must have been a struggle for some of you Key Workers but we had to have time to prepare.

As you can imagine we have been in school rushing through things that need to be done to ensure we can roll out remote learning as soon as possible and cater for our Critical Worker and Vulnerable children from tomorrow. You will have received a letter from the Heads of Year outlining our remote learning process and they have been in touch both by email and face to face (Google meet) today to check that all children can access before we start our programme this week. You will also have received information regarding our provision for Key Workers/Vulnerable pupils although this has had to be sent out twice due to a glitch that occurred with the google form. This was re-sent as a word document which can be sent back to the office. Either way you have replied should be sufficient for us to be able to assess your criteria. We will be getting back to you after 5pm today. If you do not hear from us please do not send your child in but call the office in the morning and we can discuss whether your job meets the criteria.

Please let us know if you are having any difficulties accessing the remote learning. We are ensuring that year groups are not conferencing at the same time so that home equipment can be shared. Should you have problems with IT hardware please contact us – we may be able to help you. Should you require a hard copy of the work please let your teacher know and this can be left at school for your collection.

As you can appreciate, although working through lockdown is not new, some expectations have changed. We will be providing more face to face time (but not full lessons) depending on what the teacher feels is required. On line remote learning is much more difficult than learning in class and we will aim to be as proficient as possible as soon as possible. We do ask that there are minimum distractions when your child is face to face with their teacher. I appreciate that it is not always possible to create a calm working environment with younger children around but please try to allow your child some quiet time for teacher input. Please also ensure that your child is appropriately dressed and not in pyjamas etc. This helps them to focus on their work and be up, dressed and ready for the day. Also, please make sure that your child participates appropriately. The face to face time is limited and needs to be used effectively so please help your child to engage with their teacher.

I will write further with any updates as the everchanging landscape shifts around us. I would also like to thank all those parents who have written in with positive comments regarding the difficulty of getting things up and running with such short notice. Staff find these very motivating and uplifting.

With best wishes,

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