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Arrangements for remote learning at Bretforton Village School

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience as we have attempted to sort out arrangements for remote learning at Bretforton Village School. Hopefully this letter will answer any questions you may have as we move forward.

Firstly, it is important to say that the purpose of the National Lockdown was to minimise contact between individuals and different families. Therefore, for the vast majority of children, staying at home is the recommended option. As a school, we have a duty of care for the children but also the staff who are working here and the less children we have here, the safer everyone is. However, we appreciate that for some parents, work commitments mean that their children may need to be in school.

Critical Workers

If you are parent who is a Critical Worker ([see the link here for the Government's list of relevant professions](#)) and cannot provide childcare at home, please contact us so that we can advise you of arrangements for your child to be accommodated. In the first instance, use office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk to get in touch with us. We can then provide further information.

Remote Learning

For those children who are not attending school, we will be providing remote learning. This will be available every Friday on the school website to download. As I know some parents will not be able to print out resources, if you would like paper copies, please can you email the school office as soon as possible so we can arrange a time when you can collect these and know how many print.

We will be providing three activities each day that we would like children to complete.

Remote learning for the remainder of this week will be emailed out and added to the school website no later than tomorrow. Paper copies of this are not available due to the short notice.

YouTube and email contact

We will be using the school YouTube channel again to share videos that can support your child. When a new video is uploaded, we will let you know. Once we have commenced remote learning, the contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk email address can be used for your child to get in touch with their teacher to share any learning. This should not be used for urgent enquiries which should be directed to office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk as usual.

Zoom calls

In order to keep in touch with the children, the teachers will be holding group Zoom calls. These will NOT be lessons but will be an opportunity for everyone to keep in touch and will generally last about 15 minutes. Links for these calls will be included in the remote learning information. Attached to this letter is a set of rules for Zoom calls. The purpose of these rules is to ensure online safety for both staff and children and I would ask that you read them carefully as it is essential that children adhere to them.



I appreciate there is a great deal of information here to digest but I hope you recognise the effort the staff in school (both teaching and non-teaching) have gone to in making these arrangements in order to ensure minimal disruption to your child's learning during this very challenging time.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding - if you have any questions about anything in this letter, please email me at the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kevin Riley
Head of School