



Lunsford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the government announcement last night, Term 3 does look slightly different to what we all imagined. However, by working together and remaining resilient we will get through the next few weeks. I would like to highlight that we have had over 50 children in school today and over 80 children signed up as Key Worker children or vulnerable children who will be accessing school over the coming weeks. Teachers are now in phase bubble teams and will either be teaching in school or will be delivering remote learning and feedback to pupils.

How will pupils be taught?

Children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils will be taught in year groups/ phase bubbles together by one teacher and at least one teaching assistant in school. This may not be your child's normal teacher all the time but should be their usual teaching assistant. The rest of the teachers will oversee the planning, delivery and assessment of remote learning for the whole year group, including those pupils in school. Feedback on assignments and tasks will be from your class teacher. You may also contact your class teacher via Tapestry or Class Dojo if you have any questions but please bear in mind they may not be able to reply immediately if teaching in school.

What are the remote home learning expectations?

While most children are having to remain at home, we will provide remote learning each day. Our remote learning plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind, following an approach that we believe will work best for the children at our school at the present time. We have reviewed best practice across our partnership and within our school. We have also listened to feedback from parents and children regarding remote learning. We will continue using Class Dojo and Tapestry. Teachers and teaching assistants will be contacting families weekly via telephone to discuss home learning and wellbeing. All work will continue to have feedback. Teachers will upload supporting videos to online learning. There will also be online video assemblies on a Monday/ Wednesday/Friday run by members of the Senior Leadership Team. There have been questions regarding why as a school we are not using Microsoft Teams or Google Classrooms. We decided to investigate Microsoft Teams rather than Google Classrooms. With budgets massively stretched we applied for a grant to support us using this platform from the DfE. Training availability constraints meant that we have been unable to access this as yet too which has been very frustrating from our point of view.

Please notify me or your child's class teacher if your circumstances have changed and you do not have internet access or do not have an appropriate device; in these cases we will be in touch to make alternative arrangements. If you have difficulty accessing a printer again please contact your class teacher and alternative arrangements can be made. Please also let us know if you need any paper or pencils etc and we can arrange for you to collect these from the school.

It is important that your child engages with home learning and keeps up with as much of the work that is set as possible. We understand that everyone's home circumstances are different and that home learning is a challenge for some, but we would ask that all pupils complete at least the English, Maths and PE tasks set and continue reading daily. If your child is not engaging with the learning, please do get in touch so that we can support you in overcoming any barriers.

What you can do to help

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We appreciate that this may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time. Younger children in particular may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused. We ask that you help them as much as you can but at the same time we know that not everyone will be able to sit alongside their child all the time, please do what you can.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to a preplanned timetable or routine
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active
- Provide a quiet space where your child can work. A selection of pencils, paper and other physical resources may also help your child, as they can use these alongside the online activities

Early Morning Club

We are offering an Early Morning Club as normal from 7.30am for vulneralbe and keyworker pupils attending school. School dinners will be provided if required. Nourish will provide an amended menu with options. Please provide a packed lunch if you would rather not have a school dinner. Free School Meals (FSM) Meals will be available free of charge to all infant pupils and pupils who meet the free school meals eligibility criteria as normal. Food parcels for eligible pupils who are not attending school will also be provided.

Infection prevention and control

Our school will continue to follow our existing guidance on infection prevention and control.

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions. You can contact your child's teacher or myself. We understand the huge pressures that families are under at the moment and we will support you in whatever way we can. Our children, their safety, their wellbeing and their education are the most important things to us all, and by working together we can ensure they receive everything they need to thrive while working at home. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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