



Tuesday 5th January, 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Remote Learning during the Lockdown

We have received a very high number of applications for Key Worker and Vulnerable places for children, which has informed the way we will be delivering our remote learning offer. One class teacher in each year group will be leading face-to-face teaching for 'bubbles' of 15 key worker and vulnerable pupils, whilst their partner teacher leads the remote learning for the remaining 45 children in the year group. This will make interactive, live lessons very challenging! Over the next few days, teachers will be starting to record lessons (on YouTube and Teams), so that your children can access these at times that are convenient to you. This should also help to ease demand for technology in your homes a little, particularly where you have more than one child at school. Teachers will also be sending out work, and you should now have access to all of the online subscriptions, such as Oxford Owl and mathletics, so that children have at least 3 hours of learning per day (in line with the government guidelines). Some of our other specialist staff will soon begin to run one-to-one and small group interventions, such as Reading Recovery and wellbeing strategies. Please bear with us while we all find our feet again in this new way of working.

Please contact your child's class teacher, Miss Glenny or me if you are struggling with technology. We may not have an immediate solution for everyone, but will do our best to help you, however we can.

Cold deli bags will be available for collection from outside the main school reception area for the rest of this week for any children registered for a free school meal and learning from home. If any families not registered for free school meals need any help with food, please do get in touch and / or pop along and pick up a deli bag - you are very welcome.

We have received so many positive messages of support from our wonderful Sydenham families today; thank you so much for your patience and kindness - we really appreciate it.

Best wishes,

Juliette Westwood

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