

Dear Parents and Carers,

6th January 2021

Although it may not be the start to the spring term that we had hoped for, it has been lovely to see such a terrific response to online learning already!

We have been giving careful consideration to our remote learning packages and the ways in which we can make them engaging and motivating for all our pupils. You will have noticed that we are beginning our day with a message from the Class Teacher sharing the expectation for the days learning. We will be putting an overview of this term's planning on Seesaw in the next few days and doing everything we can to keep you informed and updated.

We have moved to recorded teacher-led phonics sessions for Key Stage 1, and are in the process of developing recorded teacher-led lessons for English for all pupils which we will begin sharing next week, along with our first online whole school assembly.

Teachers are focussed on responding to the learning that is being uploaded to Seesaw so that they are able to give feedback and encourage further learning through additional questions. We will continue to send out our weekly newsletter each Friday and we are keen to hear your success stories so that we can include them for everyone to enjoy. All of these things have been very well received and your positive feedback means a great deal to us. Thank you for taking the time to keep in touch with us. We really appreciate your support as we get this term underway.

In school our Key Worker bubbles are also following the remote learning process. If you need a place for your child you must telephone the school to discuss your requirements please as places are filling up.

We have already started to undertake our wellbeing telephone calls and you should expect to hear from the Class Teacher in the coming days.

We are aware that we live in difficult circumstances and maintaining good mental health is really important. The following links may help you and your family with tips for us all to embrace during the current lockdown.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/early-help-4-mental-health> and

<https://stokenhamprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/YD-Expanded-Wellbeing-Toolkit-Devon.pdf>

Finally, if you have a safeguarding concern or feel overwhelmed then you can contact the school at any time; you are not on your own. Myself or Mrs Acton are here every day and are always ready to help in any way that we can.

Yours sincerely



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