



# DENVER V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As promised in my email last night, this letter provides further detail about our response to the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday. All staff have been in school today, working extremely hard to put things in place for the move to remote learning, whilst also caring for the critical workers/vulnerable children. We are in a much better position than we were in the first lockdown with regards to the remote learning, although we too are learning something new every day!

## **Critical worker/vulnerable children**

We have two bubbles running for our critical worker children: a YR/KS1 bubble and a KS2 bubble. The school day will be from 8.50-3.15pm and we will continue to use the field gate. Children should come in comfortable, warm clothing and do not need to wear school uniform. We do ask that they wear trainers as they will be taking part in the Joe Wicks PE workouts. We will be providing a free packed lunch to all YR/KS1 children; KS2 children can also purchase a packed lunch.

The critical worker/vulnerable children will complete the same tasks in school that their teachers have set for remote learning.

If you require critical worker provision, and you have not already contacted the school, please do so as soon as possible.

## **Free School Meals**

We are still awaiting guidance about Free School Meals and we will send out further communication once this has been received.

## **Remote learning**

All remote learning tasks will be sent home via your child's Office 365 account. Teachers will set a maths and literacy lesson each day, as well as a daily topic lesson, for the children to complete. There is an expectation that children will complete the work set, however we appreciate how difficult home learning can be and we do not want to cause any unnecessary pressure.

Children should return completed work to their class teacher – this could be through a screen shot or an emailed word document etc. Returned work will be rewarded with Dojo points and teachers will provide feedback.



Not only are teachers setting and monitoring remote learning, they are also caring for the critical worker/vulnerable children in school. Their workload is considerable and we need to be mindful of their wellbeing. Teachers will respond to any questions/emails that are sent through, although responses might not be instant as they may be teaching. For their wellbeing, they will only respond to emails/messages during the hours of 9-3.30pm.

Each teacher has created a weekly timetable which has been sent out with this letter. They will set work according to this timetable and we hope that this will provide some structure for the children's learning. More specific details of the tasks to be completed will be sent via the child's Office 365 account at the start of each week.

In school, the children in Y1-Y6 each have a Power Maths textbook that they work in each day. These can be accessed online using their Maths Flex or School Jam account and printed off, although if it is easier, you are welcome to come and collect your child's workbook from school.

You will notice that we are planning on having three online assemblies each week, two whole school and one class assembly. You will be sent an invite via Teams to join each assembly. We wanted to do this to provide the children with the opportunity to see familiar staff faces and to maintain contact with the school. Friday's assembly will be our usual Celebration Assembly, where children will be rewarded for their efforts with their remote learning.

Please complete any remote learning tasks that have been set this week and the full schedule of remote learning using the new timetables will begin from next week.

If you are struggling to access remote learning, please contact the school for support.

### **Contacting the school**

If you need to contact the school, we ask that you send an email as the office many not be manned all of the time. This way, someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

### **Any finally...**

Yesterday's announcement has taken us all by surprise, so please bear with us while we adapt to this new way of working. We will endeavour to do our best to support you and your child/ren throughout this school closure period. We are still here for all of our children and parents, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Together we will get through this!

Yours sincerely

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