



Keyworth Primary School

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General update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that everyone is keeping safe and well. Since my letter last week, you will be aware that the restrictions across the country have again changed, meaning that all schools have been instructed to close for the majority of children **until at least Monday 22nd February**. We all know that the best place for children's learning is in school, however we need to ensure that we all follow the government guidelines to keep each other safe. I would like to thank the school community for your support and understanding throughout this difficult time.

Online learning

On Tuesday, teachers started providing home learning to children using *Google classroom*. Every day, children will be assigned a Maths, English and wider curriculum lesson for them to complete. While children do not have to upload their work once it is completed, we would like them to do so at least sometimes so that they can receive feedback from their child's teacher. Throughout the day, teachers will be monitoring the comments section so please do encourage your child to ask lots of questions. You can access *Google classroom* on our school website:

<http://keyworth.southwark.sch.uk/>

Starting next week, we are introducing two further aspects to our online provision:

1. A daily register – we are asking that children 'sign in' each morning as early as possible to show their teacher that they are accessing regular online learning. We will then be contacting the families of any children who do not register to ensure that they are able to access learning at home;
2. A weekly live teacher meeting – teachers will be organising on *Google classroom* a weekly live 'check in' with their class in small groups to check how the children are doing with their learning at home and to enable children to see each other for a brief chat. We hope that this will help children to feel slightly less disconnected from school. Please login to *Google classroom* to check when your child's live session will be.

A reminder that we have some 'how to' videos on our school website to support home learning, including how to edit and save worksheets:

<http://keyworth.southwark.sch.uk/google-classroom/>

Jaime and I are also discussing providing a weekly live assembly. Details of this will follow soon.

Additional learning resources

- The *BBC* announced that from next week they will be making lots of extra educational content available to help children keep up with their learning during lockdown. Further information can be found below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55552432>

You can access all BBC learning resources on their website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>

- The *Oak National Academy* is an excellent resource containing lots of learning opportunities for children. You can access it using the link below:

<http://keyworth.southwark.sch.uk/oak-academy/>

Access to school

We have been instructed to limit access to school and encourage families to stay at home unless absolutely necessary, in-line with government guidelines. At this moment in time, we are limiting access to Keyworth to those attending our in-school provision, those collecting laptops for home learning and those collecting food parcels. I know a few families have asked whether they can collect printed *Google classroom* worksheets, but this is not possible at this moment in time. I do understand that online learning can be challenging for many children, particularly smaller children, and that worksheets for some are easier to use. In this case, if you would like to, you can encourage your child to watch the teaching input on *Google classroom* and then get them to complete their work on paper, informing the class teacher that you have done so and/or uploading a photo of their work.

In-school learning

Just to make the parents/carers of children who have been attending Keyworth aware that we have not had any Wi-Fi in school this week. While children have been completing daily lessons in English, Maths and Topic using the resources on *Google classroom*, the majority of them have been working on worksheets. I expect that the Wi-Fi issue will have been sorted ready for next week. **A reminder to parent/carers that we are encouraging you to wear a face covering at drop-off and collection if you are unable to maintain social/physical distancing from each other.**

Laptop provision

We have a small number of laptops provided by the *Department for Education* that we can loan to families who need one to support with a child's home learning. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a time to collect a laptop from school.

At home phone data offer

The government has announced a scheme to temporarily increase data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks in order to support home learning. Please look out for a letter that we have recently sent with further information.

School meals and food parcels

All children who are attending school will each receive a hot meal provided by our catering team. Regarding vouchers, we have been informed that children entitled to benefits-related free school meals will not be provided with vouchers during school closure, although I am hopeful that this will change in the near future. For now, we have organised the provision of some food items that we can distribute in the form of a food parcel to those in need. If you are in need of support, please contact the school office.

Please note that we have been inundated with requests for food parcels so you may well need to be put on to a waiting list while we try to source more supplies. We will try to do this as quickly as we can.

Safeguarding

Although Keyworth is closed, our duty and responsibility to safeguard our pupils remains. Our regular check-ins with some families will continue throughout this period, just as if we were open. Please do not feel offended if a member of school staff calls to check-in with you and to speak to your child.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during this time, you can still call the school and ask to speak to the *Designated Safeguarding Lead*, whether it is concerning your child or about any other pupil from the school. You can also email office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk with the subject *FAO safeguarding lead*.

Government coronavirus advice

With the local and national situation in relation to the coronavirus continuously changing, it is important that we are all familiar with the guidelines and follow the rules. You can find further information below:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Vaccine scammers

We have been asked to inform you that there are fake messages circulating claiming that people are eligible to receive a coronavirus vaccine and need to respond to the message with personal details; similar to the ones in the image. **Never give your personal details out or click on any links without knowing for certain who you have received a message from.** If you receive such a message about vaccines, please contact your GP surgery to check.

Kind regards,

Ray Capper

Head of School

