

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Following the Government's announcement last night, I am writing to update you further regarding provision for remote learning and with information for the parents of children attending the school site. It is clear that the national situation is extremely challenging and we are in for a difficult few weeks. We all deeply regret it is not possible for all pupils to be in school.

Remote (online) learning activities for all year groups will be shared by staff via DB Primary each day. Learning for the next day will be available from 6pm the evening before. For pupils in Years 1-6 learning will consist of a maths lesson, English lesson and one other subject lesson each day. Each day there will be a video from the class teacher outlining the day's tasks, and recapping the previous day's learning including any next steps teaching points. For each subject an instructional video or PowerPoint lesson will be signposted from DB. These videos will include a range of high-quality resources including, Oak National Academy lessons, White Rose Maths lessons and teachers' own videos. Following each video there will be an activity for children to complete with instructions on how this should be uploaded.

Young pupils (Reception Class and to a degree in Year 1) are likely to have particular needs which cannot easily be met in some of the ways described above. For such pupils, the priority will be progress in early reading. We will ensure continued access to appropriate reading books and resources for early readers through the provision of both online books and school reading books. Other content will include providing guidance for adults to ensure that time is used as productively and developmentally as possible. This will be provided via the DB Primary class pages. For Reception pupils, each day there will be a phonics PowerPoint to practise tricky words alongside blending and segmenting skills. Sometimes a new sound will also be introduced.

If anyone has any issues with accessing remote learning, please get in touch with the School Office. They will be able to supply passwords etc. Staff will be regularly checking DB Primary during the course of the school day to review children's learning. Please be aware that your child's teacher and support staff will also be involved in teaching those pupils still attending school so may not be able to respond immediately. Learning set via DB Primary will follow that undertaken in school.

As well as daily feedback via DB Primary, automatically marked tasks, quizzes etc, each week you will receive a phone call from your child's class teacher in which they will review their child's learning with them.

Remote learning is not optional and we expect all pupils to engage with this. Where engagement is a concern we will contact you to offer further support.

Full details can be found in the Remote Education Information on the website:
<http://www.shincliffe.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-policies/>

Arrangements for keyworkers and vulnerable children:

- Start and end times and collection arrangements will remain the same as before Christmas. This will enable us to maintain separation between each class group in our communal areas in order to lessen the risk of the virus spreading.
- When collecting or dropping children please wear a mask or face covering and observe social distancing when moving around the site.
- Please leave the school site as soon as you have dropped off/collected.

Children who are learning at home but are entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch by school should it be required. Please email or phone school to let us know if you require a packed lunch. This can be collected by an adult from the school kitchens from 12pm each day.

I thank you for your support at this very difficult time. As you can imagine, late and rapid changes place the school, and indeed parents, under considerable pressure.

I will keep you up to date with further information as and when this is available.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tait