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Tuesday 5th January 2021

National Lockdown 3

Dear Families,

What an incredibly challenging 24 hours it has been!

Thank you all for your patience, understanding and messages of support as we have tried to navigate through the confusion and frustration that the Prime Minister's announcement from last night has brought.

The staff team have worked tirelessly through the night and all day today to make sure that remote learning is ready for all children from all classes as of tomorrow morning.

As explained in my Parent Hub message from last night, we remained open today for the children of critical workers and those children categorised by the DfE as 'vulnerable'. Our commitment to ensuring the provision for children who require face-to-face education remains as strong as it has ever been.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) have been in regular contact today with the families who submitted the 'Critical Worker Questionnaire' to ensure we are able to offer the support and resources their children need in order to protect their education.

Arrangements for Children accessing the face-to-face critical worker provision in school:

- School uniform to be worn
- PE kit to be brought in a separate PE bag every day
- Normal school hours 8:30am – 3/3:10pm
- Front gate access only at the start and end of the day (back gate will remain locked)
- Packed lunch to be brought by everyone on Wednesday 6th January
- Universal Free School Meals to be provided for EYFS, Y1 & Y2 critical worker children who have opted to take these whilst in school
- Every child in every year group will access the same timetable and resources that are available on the website for those children who are learning from home

Free School Meals

As I write this letter there is not yet any clarity over exactly what the Free School Meals provision will look like. It is likely however, to be provided in the form of food boxes so that healthy, balanced meals can be prepared easily at home. I will update you on this as soon as I have more information.

Remote Devices

Earlier today, we distributed a 'Remote devices questionnaire' so that we know we are doing all we can to ensure every household has access to at least one device so that all children can engage in the remote education provision. We have also had conversations with families who have requested **paper remote learning packs**, so please do keep talking to us about what you need so that together we can ensure your child's education remains uninterrupted. We will always do our best to help support you and your children ... but you must let us know what you need!

Children learning remotely from home - what you can expect in the coming weeks:

- Adults will be available at different times during the day between the hours of 8:30am – 4pm. Adults will also be providing face-to-face learning in school as well so they may not be able to respond to questions immediately. If you have an urgent issue, please phone school on 01205 363 210.

For every week/ day that your child is learning remotely (or self-isolating but not ill), you can expect the following to be provided for them so that disruption to their learning is kept to a minimum:

DAILY
1 x English task (usually Writing focussed)
1 x Maths task
General daily activities:
Times table practise using TT Rockstars
Phonics or Spelling practise (depending on need)
Wellbeing activity (usually PE/ active)
Continue to read LOTS of books

WEEKLY
3 x Reading tasks
1 x Topic task (Art/ DT/ Music/ History/ Geography)
1 x RE Task
1 x Science
1 x PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education)



Many of the resources used for remote learning will be from 'Twinkl', which is a teaching resource centre where school staff can access a broad range of wonderful resources to help them deliver the National Curriculum content in a fun, child-friendly way. Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants will adapt these resources so that they are bespoke to the curriculum being delivered in your child's class. By adapting them, Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants also ensure your child's needs are being met so they can make good progress towards their end of year expectations.

Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants will also compile remote learning opportunities from a range of other external providers which may be electronic links, videos, teacher-made videos or simply a good old-fashioned quiz! You may see remote learning tasks come from some of the following places:



- Suggested weekly timetable so that you can have a clear and consistent routine at home
- Clearly labelled, daily tasks with detailed instructions about how to complete them
- Regular phone calls from adults in school to you and to your children
- Opportunities for your child to receive a regular 'video call' to review their progress and provide feedback about their learning
- Resources from school (paper, books, pencils, learning packs where requested)
- Regular videos from all staff on the video resource centre of the school website
- Lots of creative, artistic ways to learn from home
- Exciting ways to stay active
- Key reminders about how to keep your children safe online
- Contributions from a range of our school friends on the video resource centre which encourage worshipful and reflective opportunities at home and also explore some key concepts about feeling, behaviour & beliefs
- And so, so much more!!

We will continually review and revise our remote learning offer so that we can be sure it is of the highest quality and is meeting the needs of your children. There are a range of ways to keep in touch and up to speed with all that we are doing to support you and your children but **the school website is a goldmine of resources** so please add it to your favourites:

- <https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/>
- @BostonStNic (Twitter)
- St Nicholas CE Primary Academy (Facebook)

We will use Parent Hub to communicate with you at Class and Whole school level. The school phone is manned from 8:30am – 4pm.

You are all making incredible sacrifices at the moment and we never underestimate the pressure you are under. If you require any additional support, as a family or an individual, please, PLEASE reach out to us and let us know that you need extra/ more bespoke support. We will always endeavour to find a solution with you.

Thank you everybody – you are AMAZING!



Yours sincerely,

Mrs Booth – Head Teacher