



Ditton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience as we took today to organise provision for both children in school and those that will be remote learning.

We have received a large number of requests for laptops and, unfortunately, we were not able to fulfil all of the requests at this time. We are awaiting a further number of laptops from the Department for Education and when these arrive we will advise parents. We have informed parents via School Ping if their child has been allocated a laptop.

The approach to this lockdown is somewhat different to the lockdown in March. We are very aware that the children have had periods of time away from classroom learning and we are committed to ensuring that all children receive the very best provision they can, whether that be at school or at home. The focus for the next six weeks will be on children's learning and well-being. School is not closed – and learning needs to continue.

Remote Learning

Children in years 1 to 6 will be expected to access 4 learning sessions a day – these will be English, Maths, Reading/Phonics and a foundation subject. It is vital that the children complete the work set and submit it to their teachers each day to ensure that progress in learning is made and that the children are fully prepared to resume learning once lockdown ends.

The approach to these sessions is identical to the approach the school took when children were isolating in the previous term; the teacher will deliver the lesson to the children in school and live stream it via Microsoft teams for the children who are at home. There will be an adult monitoring the chat facility and will respond to comments and questions posted. The teacher will deliver the input to the lesson and then give the children time to complete the set tasks. They will then close the session by bringing the children together again to review the learning.

Some children will receive small group support from adults in 'breakout rooms' to ensure that their learning needs are met. Further guidance on this will be given by the class teachers.

Teachers will post the timetable for their classes on the class pages.

Sessions will be recorded so that children can access the lessons at any point. Please be assured that all messages and lessons are recorded for safeguarding purposes.

Children should submit the work for all the sessions by the end of the day. The work will be reviewed by a teacher the following day and feedback given within 24 hours.

Details on remote learning for children in reception class will be shared through tapestry.



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If children do not complete the work set the school will follow the absence procedures that are already in place and parents will be contacted in order to offer support. Again, it is vital that in this lockdown learning continues for all of our children.

We are awaiting clarification on Free School Meals and how families will be supported. AS soon as we have information we will send out further details.

Children in School

Children in school will access the same learning as being delivered to the children who are learning remotely. The class teacher will deliver the lesson and a teaching assistant will support individuals or groups of children. Work will be completed in the exercise books that the children usually use and feedback will be given in accordance with the school policy.

Children are encouraged to approach this as a 'normal' school day and therefore school uniform is to be worn. Start times and end times will be as follows:

Start time (All Year groups) 8.45am – 8.55am

Pick up (All year groups) 3.10pm – 3.20pm

Class teachers will message parents by the end of the week with information on which days their child will be doing P.E.

If you are a key worker and haven't contacted the school regards a place for your child, please email the school so that a place can be given if you wish to access this provision. We would like to finalise numbers by Thursday.

We are asking parents who have accessed places in school as key workers to provide recent proof of eligibility. This can be emailed to ditton.office@wpat.uk.

At this moment in time, provision for school meals is still being confirmed. Packed lunches are being provided for the children in school by the kitchen staff for the remainder of this week. I am hoping to provide further information to parents shortly.

At this moment in time, breakfast and afterschool club will continue.

I appreciate that this is a lot of information and I would ask that if you have any questions that you email your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Please be aware that we are still awaiting final guidance documents. Once these are received we will review the arrangements and inform you if any changes need to be made.

Thank you for your patience and support during this uncertain time.

Best wishes and stay safe



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