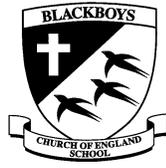


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Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Although perhaps not entirely unexpected, yesterday's announcement of lockdown and school closures has presented some challenging circumstances, not least in its timing. But in true Blackboys' style we will face the challenges head on, with a smile and with the usual commitment to our school community. I would like to thank parents in advance for their patience as we switch to home learning and the logistical issues this creates. Working in partnership, with staff, children and parents all pulling in the same direction, will see us through.

From Tuesday 5th January, when Schools are closed to all but children of key workers or vulnerable children, we fully expect your child to take part in home learning daily from Monday to Friday.

- By 8.55am each morning, class teachers will upload a document for each year group onto their class page of the School website. Click on your child's year group document, and you will find an explanation of a spelling/phonics task, an English task, a Maths task and a Science/Foundation subject task. These activities will change daily. We anticipate the first piece of work being available by lunchtime today.
- Some lessons will involve extra files/documents or pictures and these will also be uploaded by staff daily.
- Children at home will need to follow their teacher's instructions and write their responses as necessary. We recommend children use a notebook or exercise book in which to record their answers to their tasks set. If your child has their homework book at home, for example, this would be perfect. If you do not have any writing materials at home, please contact the school office or your classteacher and we will find a solution. Home drop offs or pick-ups from school can easily be facilitated once this initial lockdown rush is over. The children's exercise/notebooks could also be used for child initiated activity such as diary or story writing.
- Classteachers would like to see examples of children's work, so that they can provide praise and feedback. Please take a photo of your child's work and send it to their classteacher via email (addresses listed below). As well as feedback, this will help classteachers make choices for Gold Book Assembly on a Friday.
- Classteachers will be running one live lesson a day via Zoom for each class. This lesson will vary in subject and time each day. We would like all children to take part please. Once we have worked out a rota for these live lessons we shall communicate this via ParentMail email. The Zoom joining codes will be included in the daily work document on the class pages of the school website. Live learning will commence Thursday 07th January.
- There will be an assembly each morning at 9:05am via Zoom. You will receive the Zoom joining codes for this each week on a Monday morning. We would love children to take part and attend.
- Class planning meetings (next week, via Zoom) and the parent consultation meetings (via the phone) which are due to take place in February will still continue. Please look out for separate communications about these.
- With no time to organise reading books for the children, should you require these for home, please contact your child's classteacher or the school office. As previously mentioned, we can easily facilitate a home drop off or pick-up from school once this initial lockdown rush is over. We would expect the children to spend an extended period of the day reading, either independently or to an adult.

- As long as they are well, staff will be continuing to work, either at School or from home. The School Office can work remotely and will be sending regular Parentmails. Emailing the School Office, as opposed to phoning, should be parents' first point of communication. Classteachers can also be contacted via their emails and will respond during their normal working hours. If ever in doubt, please ask.

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Please be respectful in your contact to Staff, who could be unwell themselves or caring for poorly dependents.

- We have a School 'YouTube' channel (search Blackboys School on the YouTube site) where we hope to upload messages and challenges for the children. We will also endeavour to keep the School twitter feed updated, which can be accessed via @blackboysschool or via the homepage of the School website.
- Should your child need extra challenge, the BBC have excellent online lessons/learning opportunities on their website and the Oak National Academy has also proved useful. Both can be found through a Google search.
- Every child in the school has access to online learning portals Mathletics and Purple Mash. Should you need a reminder of your child's log in details, please contact your classteacher via email.

There will be times when your child's classteacher will be allocated to working with key/critical worker or vulnerable children here in school. Should that be the case, their response time to you will be longer.

These are unique circumstances and patience will be required at times as we all learn to re-adjust. Please be absolutely assured that our intentions are to do the very best we can for all our pupils and their families. Should you need any help or support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Sullivan
Headteacher