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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of week one of the national lockdown, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for your kind words of support and encouragement; the constructive feedback we have received; your patience as we sort out technical and other issues and most of all supporting your children.

This lockdown has placed different demands and challenges on us all and as a school we are doing all we can to provide learning and support to our children both in school and at home. One significant difference we have found from the previous lockdown, is the number of key worker/vulnerable children attending school due to the extended criteria and other legislation. This has resulted in us keeping all teachers and support staff leading their classes which has an impact on teacher availability to lead 'live learning' for those children who are working at home.

With this in mind, we are continually looking for sustainable ways to increase opportunities so that children working at home have access to a staff member leading the learning as part of a 'live learning' package for our key stage 2 children. This would be to support with the current arrangements we have in place. Where pupil numbers in school now allow us to create one bubble, we aim to roll out 'live learning' next week (wb 11th January). This will begin in years 5 and 6, consisting of three 20-30mins Zoom sessions each day where a staff member will talk through the activity, answer questions, model an example etc... A letter will be sent separately with the Zoom links included.

As a staff we are aiming to roll this or a similar package of support (depending on the number of children in school to create staff availability) to year 3 and 4 from the 18th January and we appreciate your patience until then.

Please note that these sessions will not replace the resources teachers are preparing for Blendspace such as the teaching videos etc or the daily catch-up session but will be used as part of the 'live learning' introduction with the children then completing the tasks independently or with support from home.

For our children in EYFS, year 1 and 2, the feedback we have had on the recorded materials on Blendspace and with the nature of the learning for younger year groups being of a practical and interactive nature, we will continue to provide learning as we are currently for the time being. Teachers will endeavour to provide as much support as possible and our provision for these year groups is under continual review.

Other arrangements

- All children whether at home or in school are welcome to join a Zoom Collective worship/assembly with Mrs Hawkins at 9:15am each week day morning.

Mrs Hawkins is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Good morning

Time: This is a recurring meeting- week days at 9:15am starting on Wednesday 5th January 2021



- Our wonderful office team are on hand to support with paper copies of learning resources if they are needed for any reason. Please email or telephone the main office if this would be helpful.

Providing feedback on work:

- Pupils can bring any work completed in to school at the end of the lockdown period for the teacher to look at and give verbal feedback on.
- During the lockdown time, images of work or documents can be emailed to office@stcuthberts.leics.sch.uk addressed to the teacher. All work submitted will be acknowledged by the class teacher and feedback given as soon as possible. This will either be as an email or directly with the child as part of the Zoom catch-up session.
- Work can also be placed in the box outside the main entrance during any daily exercise. Please ensure it has your child's name and class teachers clearly visible and you follow social distancing measures while on the school site. Teachers will respond to the work sent via email or as part of the Zoom catch-up session as soon as possible.
- Discussions will take place about the work set in the daily Zoom catch – up with the teacher and class. If the teacher is unwell and unable to lead the Zoom chat, a member of the schools support staff (teaching assistant, cover supervisor or Senior higher level teacher assistant) or a member of the Senior Leadership team will hold the session.
- Upload to Twitter @StCuthbertsCEP1. All work from the children is responded to by Mrs Hawkins and retweeted

What you can do to help

We appreciate that this situation may present many challenges for you. Of course, we are aware that some families may not have access to the internet or devices that they can use at home, in this case, we will provide paper packs for the children. We do have some laptops for those who have no IT access, please contact the school office if either of these are needed.

We also understand the huge pressures that families are under at the moment with the government asking parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible. Many parents working in these key worker sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home so we are fully expecting numbers in school to change frequently depending on parents working arrangements and responsibilities.

As a staff and school we are here to help and support to the best of our abilities with our children, their safety, their health and their education being at the centre of our decision making. Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and have a restful weekend.



Mrs Jenny Hawkins
Headteacher