



## Urchfont C. E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you were able to have the best Christmas break that you could under the circumstances.

Well, we are now back to a very similar situation to last Spring and as you can imagine we, like you, were not expecting schools to be closed overnight on Monday. I would like to thank you all for your patience this week, as we finalise plans on how to manage this very tricky task of managing remote learning as well as teaching children in school.

We have decided, because of the significant numbers of vulnerable and critical children in school that the previous arrangement of four class bubbles will remain. Each teacher and TA will work their normal working pattern. The staff will be supervising and supporting the children in their classes replicating the Google Classroom. During each day, the teachers will have dedicated time allocated for remote learning. It will be during this time that queries will be answered, work that the teacher has asked to be submitted marked and new work planned, prepared and uploaded to the Google Classroom. For other work, answers will be provided on the Google Classroom for you to mark with your child. This is a mammoth task for the teachers so your patience will be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for so quickly replying so quickly to our survey about the days that you require your child to be in school. We will continue with the safety measures that we had already put into place to keep your child as safe as possible. However, the government has stated that the safest place for your child will be at home and we cannot guarantee that class bubbles will not have to isolate over the next few weeks. If members of staff are absent or isolating, then it may be necessary to combine bubbles so that children can continue to attend school.

We plan to run school timings as they were before Christmas, this is so we can ensure social distancing around the school site. We thank you all for wearing a face covering when coming onto school premises. If your child has not yet attended, please remind them that staff will be wearing a face shield and at times a face mask. Windows will be open for ventilation, so please dress warmly. If your child is attending school on a part-time basis it is important that they complete the work set on the days they are home, but please only complete the tasks for that day. If they race ahead, they will not be provided with additional or new work on the days they attend school.

We are asking that all children wear their PE kits on a Wednesday as Mr Herring will still be in school and will teach each class bubble for an allocated time. In addition, Chaffinches and Woodpeckers class are asked to wear PE kits on a Monday. We will not be sending home reading books during this time but ask that children access the resources suggested on the Google Classroom for reading at home.



We will continue to offer a hot meal service and a new reduced menu for this time is attached. Ordering will continue to be taken on the day. If your child is in KS2 and you pay for lunches, payment will continue through Parentpay.

We do appreciate that the next few weeks are going to be very difficult and we will keep in touch with you and your family. Our teaching assistants will be making welfare calls on a weekly basis. However, if you have any issues or queries please contact the school and we will try to help you.

Yours Sincerely,

*C.E. Talbot*

Mrs CE Talbot  
Head Teacher

