

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well in these continuing difficult times.

Please note the following information:

- **You must keep your children at home if anyone in your household has symptoms or is awaiting the results of a test.**
By sending your children into school under these circumstances, pupils and staff are being put at risk. Please ring the school office if you are not sure whether to send you child to school.
- Please remember to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up your children unless you are exempt – there are still some parents who do not do this.
- Please remember that extended visits will not be authorised and that fines will be given to any families who take their children out of school during term time for holidays or to visit relatives. Penalty notices will be issued and children will be taken off role if appropriate.
- May I remind you that parents/carers should not bring their cars onto the school drive for dropping off children. There are some specific exceptions to this which have been agreed with school, otherwise cars should not drive through the school gates.
- Staff have noticed that the time away from school during the lockdown has had an impact on one area of learning in particular: reading. There are many children who are not reading their home reading books regularly at home. I understand how busy parents are, but I would ask that you find ten minutes each day to hear your children read – it will make a significant difference to their progress. An older brother or sister could also share home reading with your child. A child's ability to read, and understand what they are reading, makes a huge difference to their ability to access other areas of the curriculum and to their progress. Please read at home with your children.
- Please take the time to look at the school website. Teachers have produced short phonics lessons for the sounds the children need to learn in Reception and Key Stage 1. These can be found in the class pages.
Also, teachers have recorded stories for the children to listen to, especially if they have to isolate. These can also be found in the class pages. Please contact school if you have trouble accessing these new resources.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

With kind regards
Mrs H Edge