

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 8th January 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year! The start of 2021 has brought fresh challenges, in itself, as the country finds itself in its third National Lockdown.

School is currently only open to vulnerable children and pupils of critical workers. However, our remote learning is up and running. I am very pleased that so many children have been able to join the live zoom sessions and access learning through Google Classroom from Reception to Year 6. All Nursery pupils have live zoom sessions and daily tasks sent to parents via ping. Please ensure that you check your ping messages regularly. Thank you to all parents for supporting your children daily as this is the expectation set by our government.

### Remote Learning

The government has announced that schools will continue with remote learning, possibly until February half term. The school has a clearly defined remote learning package, please see this in detail at the end of this newsletter.

All pupils are expected to complete all tasks set on google classroom as well as join their live zoom sessions. Your child can speak to their class teacher using the chat facility on google classroom.

We understand that many families will be sharing devices during the day but please encourage your child to complete tasks throughout the day. Your child can now connect to google classroom using an Xbox or PS4.



### HOW TO ACCESS GOGGLE CLASSROOM FROM AN XBOX AND PS4

**PS4**

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:  
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below  
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.

**XBOX**

1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.

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*Life*

## Online Safety

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils is important. Here are some ways to help you keep your child stay safe online:

- **Put yourself in control:** Make use of the parental controls on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org).
- **Search safely:** Use safe search engines such as [swiggle.org.uk](http://swiggle.org.uk) or [kids-search.com](http://kids-search.com). Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at [google.co.uk/safetycentre](http://google.co.uk/safetycentre).
- **Agree boundaries:** Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.
- **Explore together:** The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them.
- **Check if it's suitable:** The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 years for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

## Free Data from mobile providers

Some mobile companies are offering additional mobile data to their customers. You will receive a detailed letter explaining how you can access this offer. This letter will be sent to all parents via ping.

## Free School Meals

All vulnerable children and pupils of critical workers, who are attending school, will be provided with a free school meal. If your child is eligible for free school meals, then you will receive a store voucher next week. Please note that the school may have to change from vouchers to food parcels in the coming weeks.

## Lockdown Rules

We would like to encourage all families to continue to follow all the lockdown rules and public health guidance to help maintain the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Remember:

- Don't meet indoors with anybody outside your household or support bubble
- Keep your distance and wear a face covering when out in public
- Wash hands regularly
- Reduce the number of journeys you take, to work from home where possible
- Self-isolate and seek a test if you experience any Covid-19 symptoms



We wish you a safe and enjoyable weekend. Remember to: " Wash Hands, Cover Face, Make Space!"

*Mrs Cecilia Mojzes*  
Executive Head Teacher

*Mr Rick Probett*  
Chair of Governors

*Mrs Amber Ilyas*  
Associate Head Teacher

## Remote Learning Overview (Spring Term 1)

The leadership team and staff of Essex Primary School are committed to providing all pupils high quality remote learning: what is taught to pupils at home.

We offer the same comprehensive curriculum remotely as we do in school, wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have set expectations for the work children **MUST** complete, **SHOULD** complete and **COULD** complete (creative project based learning over time based around our Big Idea for this term, Spacetime) as we recognise the need for flexibility in the way children are accessing their learning during this period. Timetables have been pinged to parents as a guide for how to structure the day.

<b>MUST</b>	<b>SHOULD</b>	<b>COULD</b>
The expectation is that all pupils <b>MUST</b> : 1. Attend all live zoom sessions. 2. Complete all tasks on google classroom for each subject based on their timetable.	The expectation is that all pupils <b>SHOULD</b> : 1. Try the extension tasks daily.	The expectation is that all pupils <b>COULD</b> : 1. Complete their class project set on Google Classroom over time. 2. Share their projects back at school once lockdown is over.

**Nursery** 2 - 3 hours of virtual learning and activities for all 15 hour pupils including:

- 30 - 40 minute daily live zoom session with their class teacher or familiar adult
- 30 minute live phase assembly (weekly)
- Access to scheduled activities using EasyPeasy login

Activities are pinged to parents everyday (English, Maths, Creative, Physical exercise, Phonics and Speech & Language activities)

**Reception** 3 hours of virtual learning and activities via Google Classroom daily including:

- 30 - 40 minute daily live zoom session with their class teacher or familiar adult
- 30 minute phase live phase assembly (weekly)
- Teachers are providing feedback to work uploaded on Google Classroom by parents

Activities are uploaded on Google Classroom for morning and afternoon sessions by 9am. Activities include (English, Maths, Creative, Physical exercise, Phonics, Reading and Speech & Language Activities)

**Key stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)** 3 - 4 hours of virtual learning and follow up tasks for all pupils via Google Classroom daily including:

- 30 - 40 minute daily live zoom session
- 30 minute phase live phase assembly (weekly)
- Teachers use own lesson flipcharts, Oak Academy, BBC bitesize, Times tables rockstar and various other resources to support pupil learning at home
- Teachers are providing feedback to pupil work submitted on Google Classroom and also supporting pupils via chat facility

Virtual lessons and tasks are uploaded on Google Classroom for morning and afternoon sessions by 9am. Tasks include (English, Maths, Foundation subjects, Physical exercise, Phonics and Reading)

**Key stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)** 4 hours of virtual learning and follow up tasks for all pupils via Google Classroom daily including:

- 30 - 40 minute daily live zoom session
- 30 minute phase live phase assembly (weekly)
- Teachers use own lesson flipcharts, Oak Academy, BBC bitesize, Times tables rockstar and various other resources to support pupil learning at home
- Teachers are providing feedback to pupil work submitted on Google Classroom and also supporting pupils via chat facility

Virtual lessons and tasks are uploaded on Google Classroom for morning and afternoon sessions. Tasks include (English, Maths, Foundation subjects, Physical exercise, Phonics and Reading)

**Year 6 will also receive an additional 30-40 minute afternoon live zoom session focussing on arithmetic.**