

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Dear Families of Brentfield,

There is no doubt that nationally and locally these are challenging times and my best wishes go out to those who have been greatly impacted by the Coronavirus. I wanted to start this half term by thanking you for the support you have given your children to keep them engaged in learning during lockdown. I know the challenges of supporting your children whilst continuing to meet the busy demands of family life and work. You are all doing an amazing job in these unprecedented times.

I would also like to thank all the teachers and support staff who have worked tirelessly to plan lessons, provide feedback and support children's wellbeing whilst we are working from home and onsite.

I have attached some information on how you can further support your children to be ready for their 'live lessons' and some details on how teachers provide feedback to your children on the work they submit. Teachers use a variety of techniques depending on the age of the children. Whilst not every piece of work is marked in detail, all work is read by the class teacher. Class teachers then plan their next lessons based on what children understand and how they can clarify any misunderstandings children may have about the lesson.

Boris Johnson has released his 'road map' out of lockdown and we expect to reopen from March 8th. This in addition to the roll out of vaccinations means that the future is looking more positive and brighter. I will write to you later in the week to confirm how Brentfield School will fully reopen to all pupils once the guidance has been issued by the government.

Take care and keep safe.

Best Wishes

N. Harmer

Nicola Harmer
Headteacher



REMOTE LEARNING GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

FEEDBACK AND MARKING

- Written feedback will be given by the teacher once a week for Maths and English.
- Teachers will give whole class feedback on the Google Classroom stream for Topic lessons.
- Verbal feedback will be used during live lessons and will address work where there is no written feedback.
- Answer sheets will be posted to the stream when no written feedback is given. Children can use these to self-mark as they do in school.

LIVE LESSONS

- Live lessons will take place daily according to the class timetable.
- If there are timetable changes the new timetable will be posted to the class stream.

In order for your child to be ready to learn, please help prepare them for the live lessons by:

- Cameras need to be switched on.
- Microphones need to be switched to mute unless the teacher invites them to speak.
- Children should use the toilet before the lesson starts.
- Children should be on time and prepared with their resources accessible. Snacks are not to be eaten during lessons.
- All other children in the home need to be off screen and supervised during the lesson.
- Please be mindful to keep background noise to a minimum to enable your child to focus on their learning.





PHONE CALLS

Phone calls are made by school staff in order to support you and your child during remote learning.

- ◆ If work is not completed or your child has not registered, a call will be made after two days. This is to offer support and address any issues.
- ◆ You will receive one more phone call reminding you of the importance of completing school work. At this point the head of online learning will be informed.
- ◆ If work is still not completed for another week the head of online learning will contact you to discuss this further.
- ◆ If you have any questions, you can also email your child's teacher.



SCREEN FREE FRIDAYS

Every Friday afternoon will be devoted to screen free activities that your children can do with the family at home.

- ◆ Any activity carried out during this time does not need to be submitted or emailed to the teacher.
- ◆ The teacher will post ideas on the Google classroom stream each week.