# FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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## Updated guidance on key worker attendance

As you know, we are open for the children of Key workers and children who are vulnerable.

Parents were contacted on 30/12/20 and asked to identify themselves as key workers (see Government list), to fill in the form and return it to us so we could offer a key worker place and make sure we have enough staff available for the numbers of children who we need to cater for. The take up was much higher than in the previous lockdown in this school and in schools around the country.

There has been a rising number of cases in primary schools and yesterday when we had updated guidance sent through to us in the light of this.

The updated guidance is asking that key workers only send their children into school if they have to, if they are able to have the children at home that is the preferred option.

We currently have up to 25% of the children in school across the year groups. There is pressure on years 1,3,4,5 and we will struggle to take any more children into these groups.

# <u>Parents or children</u> <u>testing positive.</u>

- Please inform the school immediately if you have a positive test.
- 02086723480
- Please make sure you follow the isolation rules.





6W learnt to knit and created underwater collages following work on corals.

### School Streets Updates

The ANPR cameras have been installed and are being monitored by Wandsworth council.

Please remember that you will be ticketed if you drive into Beclands road between 8:15-9:00 and 2:45-3:30. Thank you for your cooperation

# Drop off and pick up times reminder

	where	arrive	depart
Nursery	Car	8:30	11:15
	park	12:00	2:45
Rec	Car park	8:45	3:00
Yr 1	Back gate	8:30	2:45
Yr 2	Back gate	8:45	3:00
Yr 3	Back gate	9:00	3:15
Yr 4	Front	8:30	2:45
Yr 5	Front	8:45	3:00
Yr 6	Front	9:00	3:15

We are sorry that we could not welcome all children back in person and we know how tricky all of this is for families. We have contacted a number of you and been able to give out laptops and SIM cards.

We have SIM cards for families who need extra data and if this would be of help, contact us ASAP.

We are expecting offers of more laptops soon and will keep you all updated.

# Remote learning offer

We continue to try to improve the remote learning, this time around.

Thank you for your suggestions.

Ms Van Den Berg has put together a guide to remote learning. We hope it is helpful and makes it a little easier.

All years groups will publish

Daily timetable to reflect the normal school day - nb; we don't expect you to follow timings - merely a suggestion for those who find it useful- do what works for you and your family

Daily folder with resources/links for each day - easy to find

These will be put up the afternoon/evening before to allow parents to see it before the "school day" starts

KS1 - Morning message every day, explain the lessons for the day plus pre-recorded video of a story

KS2 - Messages giving an overview of the forthcoming week and daily/3-4 pre-recorded Loom 'lessons' a week to introduce lesson, learning and task

Hope to use **Microsoft Teams** in the future to deliver live opportunities for KS2 chn to interact with their teachers - awaiting IT set to up which will ensure a stable platform and integrates with Its Learning as well being accessibly for teachers working remotely.

Daily attendance will be monitored as well as levels of chn's engagement/time spent in the virtual classroom followed up with calls home as needed to see if we can offer any further support

NB: this may be subject to variation and change depending on staffing levels due to illness/technological hiccups etc.

#### How you can support your child's use of the remote learning platform at home

Make sure they register in the virtual classroom each day.

- Talk through the timetable for the day to ensure they are familiar with the lessons and activities
- Older chn can be more independent in their work but will still benefit from talking to adults at the end of each day and sharing their work
- Share 1-2 pieces of child's work each week via Its Learning to allow the tchr to provide personalised feedback, praise and encouragement Ensure that school work doesn't become a battle ground! Do what works for you and the family in terms of timings/amount of work
- There is as much value in simply reading with your child, enjoying a walk together, playing a game, cooking etc
- Contact your chd's teacher if you are concerned in any way via email or the message function on ItsLearning
- Aware that chn can feel isolated from friends but we ask that the Its Learning message function is only used for discussions relating to school and the work/sharing school work.
- Ensure that all comments and messages are respectful and appropriate
- Older children may be expected to do some independent research as part of their remote learning it is a good idea to set them up using Kiddle.co a child friendly search engine powered by Google
- Remind children of how to use website and internet safely
- For more help and info: <a href="https://www.internetmatters.org">https://www.internetmatters.org</a>