



Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Spring – Lockdown Newsletter 1

8th January 2021

Dear Parents,

What a start to the new term! Thank you all for your kind messages, patience and support as we put into place the new ways of working for this term. The situation nationally is becoming increasingly serious.

We need as many people as possible to avoid sending their children into school. The only children attending the school at the moment are: children of critical works, vulnerable children and Nursery children. This will protect children and staff. If you, your child, or others in your house are ill, or you have been in contact with a person who has tested positive - stay at home. Isolate and follow medical advice. Do not under any circumstances send your child to school please.

Learning From Home

The teachers will ensure that the learning planned and the corresponding resources will replicate, where possible, what the day would be like if your child was still in school. Tynsel Parkes makes use of several online applications including Purple Mash, Oxford Owl and Times Tables Rockstars which will be valuable for the children to access whilst at home. (All children should have logins in for these, found in their reading diaries.)

Whilst we understand that home/remote learning is difficult, it is a school's legal responsibility to provide remote learning to all children. Please do contact the school immediately if you have any issues with completing the online work or being able to be online. We understand the need to be flexible, particularly with technology, and we will do all we can to help our families.

Weekly learning activities will be posted on your child's year group page, every **Monday**, at: www.tynselparkesacademy.co.uk under the **COVID 19 Tab**, choose your child's year group to access the planned remote learning activities. Please email your child's teacher with questions and updates of how your child is working at home.

The Government has stated: 'Schools are to set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching that pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum. Primary school-aged pupils: **3 hours a day**, on average, across the school cohort.'

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 staff produced learning packs to be collected from the office this week. We still have a number of packs that have not been collected, these will be needed to complete the work over the next few weeks.

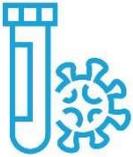
If you have difficulties accessing the website and opening the work, please let the office know and the school will print off the work expectations for the week for you to come and collect from school.

Children in school including Nursery

What you will need to bring to school each day:

- Come to school in school uniform; ensure lots of warm clothing due to classrooms being well ventilated.
- Bring a named full water bottle to school each day.
- All children will need to bring a healthy snack for break time, e.g. Fruit, Cereal Bar etc (Please remember we have a no nuts policy in school due to allergies)
- All children to bring their reading books daily (Not Nursery children)
- Years 1 - 4 to bring their workbooks to school each day - the ones sent home for school closures. This is so children in school will be completing the same work set for children working at home.
- Order school meals via the SchoolGrid website. (Any pre-orders were cancelled on the 7th January, so you may need to order again.)

COVID Reminders to Parents:

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test result 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone test negative during those 10 days 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 10 days 	<p>...when child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days</p>

Thank you for your continued support at this time.

Mrs. Rachel Chandler

Principal