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IMPORTANT News from the Nest

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

As you are aware, the decision has been made for all schools to close to **all pupils** except those who are deemed as Vulnerable or have parents/carers who are classed as Critical Workers.

The school will be closed as of tomorrow: Tuesday 5th of January to all children
The school will open again to Vulnerable and Keyworker children ONLY on Wednesday 6th January 2021



We have a list of children who were eligible for school provision during the last full lock down period, so based on this, a member of staff will be in touch with you tomorrow to confirm if you would like your child to attend during this second period of full lock down. If you think you are now eligible to a place in school due to a change in your circumstances and think you have critical/key worker status, please contact the school office.

In the meantime, we will be offering our online education provision and home learning support. Please visit the website to our online learning offer, simply by 'Googling' Wren's Nest Primary School. There is a link to home learning. Please see the steps to follow below. There is a detailed document at the end of this letter for further advice.



We will be in contact with you via ParentHub as well as the School Website with regular updates. **PLEASE check these regularly to stay informed. If you need any additional support or require any further information, please contact us.**

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (not the Universal Free School Meal programme for Years Reception to Year 2), a member of the Admin Team will be in touch to arrange a time for you to collect a food provision parcel for the period of time that school is closed.

Thank you for all of your understanding in a very difficult time and for all of the continued support you have shown.

As always, take care and stay safe,

Sarah Parkes - Headteacher

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What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirustest> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

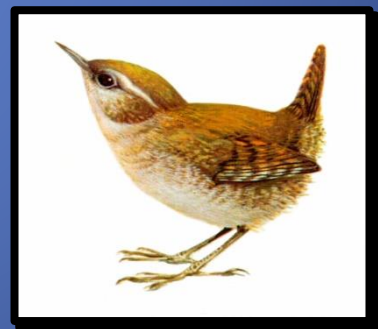
There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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A GUIDE TO REMOTE EDUCATION AND ONLINE LEARNING

This document is designed to help school leaders share relevant information with pupils and parents or carers about how they will provide remote education.

The information within the document will support the understanding of what pupils, parents and carers should expect during periods of school closure or pupil isolation relating to coronavirus (COVID-19).

As always, at Wren's Nest, should you need any additional support or need to speak to a member of the team, please contact us.

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Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education if local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.

For details of what to expect where individual pupils are self-isolating, please see the final section of this document.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home

A pupil's first day or two of being educated remotely might look different from our standard approach, while we take all necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote teaching.

What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

Remote education will be available from the day following the closure of a bubble/school. This will be available on the 'Home Learning' section of the website. Select your child's year group icon and the appropriate work will be readily available to use. This is to be used in conjunction with your child's home learning pack.

Following the first few days of remote education, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

- We teach remotely with a strong focus on Numeracy and Literacy skills. This is because this is a priority for our children, and meeting Wren's Nest Children's Needs remains a priority.
- We teach a similar curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. Foundation subject teaching has had to be limited due to the resources available in the home to carry out this learning remotely.

Remote teaching and study time each day

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

Primary school-aged pupils	<p>Early Years - 2 hours broken into smaller amounts of focused time. 15 minute periods of work followed by a short break.</p> <p>Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) - 2 hours broken into smaller amounts of focused time. 30 minute periods of work followed by a short break.</p> <p>Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) - 3 hours broken into smaller amounts of focused time. 30 minute periods of work followed by a short break.</p> <p>Children working within Rainbow Room, The Pod, Shooting Stars, Sunflowers or Pumas groups - 2-3 hours broken into smaller amounts of focused time. 10 minute periods of work followed by a short break.</p>
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Accessing remote education

How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

Your child can access their online, remote learning by using the school website as the host platform.

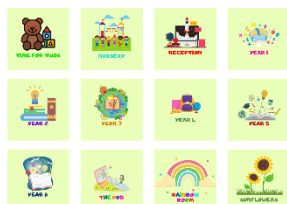
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Once you have successfully accessed the website, please take the following steps:



Click on the Home Learning icon to access all of our year group pages

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- Click the appropriate year group/group page for your child



- Click on the home learning icon to access daily lessons. Please use the Home Learning Pack provided by school to support learning.

All of the resources on our website have been designed to be viewed on whichever device you have access to – phone, tablet or computer.

Please use the resources in your home learning pack to complete them, don't worry about printing worksheets out at home unless you choose to do so – copying down the questions on the paper you were provided is absolutely fine.



Additional platforms to s

Your child has their password for each of these platforms within their Home Learning Pack. Should you need their password again, please either call school on 01384 818515 or email us on info@wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk.

The following links are child-friendly educational web sites suitable for Primary School aged children.

For information about using the Internet safely, please see the 'E Safety' link below.



If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

At Wren's Nest, we have designed an Online Learning platform for your children to access easily. Knowing them and their needs in the way that we do has informed how we have chosen to present our Online Learning offer. All of the lessons we have provided can be easily accessed via a variety of devices - a mobile telephone, tablet, laptop and PC.

Where appropriate, each lesson has also been personalised by the child's class/set teacher. At Wren's Nest, we believe this is key in keeping contact with our children during a period of closure, maintaining healthy and positive relationships

If for any reason, your child does not have access to a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or computer, please let us know. There is a system in place where school can offer support and Online Learning in the home made possible.

Please contact school either via telephone - 01384 818515/ school mobile 07858 986604 - or via the email address - info@wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

At Wren's Nest, we have adopted a number of approaches to support learning in the home:

- recorded teaching (e.g. video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- recorded messages and Assemblies from Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher
- use of White Rose Hub Premium Resources to support the sequence of your child's maths teaching
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences - TT Rock Stars, Purple Mash

Engagement and feedback

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

Although we are working in very different circumstances, we ask that parents/carers help their child's education at home by:

- Supporting your child in accessing online learning in the home. If you need any assistance with this, please call or contact school by using the useful information contact list.
- Plan the day with your child. Set them time periods to complete work and ensure they have a break in between their learning time. (see Remote Teaching and Study Time section)
- Talk to your child about their learning for the day. Ask them to show you what they have done and achieved.
- If parents/carers need any additional support with this, please contact school and speak to a member of staff.
- Lots of activities can be carried out in the home. Reading is a wonderful way to grow a child's imagination, as well as extending their vocabulary. Read with your child, listen to them, you read to them or make up stories together.
- If your child requires additional reading material, please contact us and we will provide appropriate, additional materials for a family member to collect from the main school office.

How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?

- We ask that parents/carers monitor their child at home to ensure they are engaging with their learning. If a parent/carer is having difficulty motivating the child to learn at home, a member of staff will telephone the child and support the family in engaging with Online Learning.
- After a period of closure, a child's voice capture will be carried out with the children. We will find out what worked well and what the children think needs to improve. This will inform the constant monitoring and evaluation of the home learning offer at Wren's Nest. We will also sample Parent Voice, so this too aids the constant review of what we are offering our children and families through our Online Learning offer.
- Through the YouTube platform, the Online Learning Leader will monitor the usage rate through the detailed data generated by the platform. This will identify key aspects of the Online Learning offer that are working particularly well and areas that can be improved upon.
- Even during a period of school closure, Wren's Nest will continue to adopt its 'open door' policy. If parents/carers have concerns, questions or feedback, the ethos of the school remains steadfast in that we are here to help and welcome feedback so we continue to improve.

How will you assess my child's work and progress?

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are

also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on pupils work is as follows:

- Teachers will offer feedback to pupils in the form of verbal feedback once they return to school.
- Any work completed can be brought back into school following the end of self-isolation or period of closure. The work completed by your child will be discussed with your child's set/class teacher and verbal feedback given.

Additional support for pupils with particular needs

How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?

We recognise that some pupils, for example some pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those pupils in the following ways:

- For children with SEND needs and EHCPs, we will work with families to ensure children can access their education remotely and successfully. Each SEND set has an individualised work area within the Online section on the school website. The lessons within it have been specially tailored by the child's teachers to meet the needs of children within the set.
- Our Online Learning offer has been designed and inspired by our children at the forefront. As a school, we have catered for both the developmental ages, learning and behaviour needs as well as the interests of the children.
- Our lessons are adapted to the ages of the children, ensuring they are age-appropriate to engage each learner, building on the knowledge we hold.

As always, we are here for our families and will support them in any way we can, particularly during such an unprecedented time. There are a number of ways parents/carers can contact school for support:

Telephone: 01384 818515

Email: info@wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

School mobile: 07858 986604

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

Children who have to self-isolate will be provided with a personalised, paper based work pack provided by your child's class/set teacher. This is so that they can keep up with the work being done in school whilst they are unable to attend.

Children can still access the home learning and the various platforms to support learning via the school website www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk during the self-isolation period.

If you require additional work, please contact school via telephone - 01384 818515 - and an additional, personalised work pack will be provided.

Please remember to use these contacts at any point should you need support or advice:

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