

Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

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Headteacher: Mrs C Nisbet

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Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all for your patience and understanding this week!

We were advised by the government that we were in school this term and spent time over the Christmas break and all day on Monday getting ready for smaller class sizes and were moving furniture and refitting classrooms, to be told at 8pm on Monday evening that we were closed, except to critical worker families. Since then, the school staff have also been confirming childcare for their own families, uploading learning to seesaw, phoning parents, teaching children in school and planning remote learning sessions.

Today, your child's teacher will be contacting you by telephone to see if you would like a trial session on Teams later today, before the class sessions start tomorrow. This is an opportunity for you iron out any technical issues and ask any questions about using Teams.

Work for this week has been put up on Seesaw for all children in school. Teachers will be responding to work on a daily basis.

Please be patient and kind with us; it's new for the children, the staff and parents to be teaching and learning this way!



Microsoft Teams

You will need to download the Microsoft Teams App onto a laptop/tablet/mobile and you will receive an email inviting you to the meeting. The teacher will be able to support you through the process, should you require help.

Remote Learning – Beginning Thursday 7th January

We will be offering your children a combination of remote learning sessions along with home learning activities and we will also be supplying resources to support the learning at home. The resources have been ordered and we will let you know once they have arrived in school.

Due to the age of the children at Mrs Bland's, we **do not** think it suitable for the children to be sat in a series of on-line lessons for three hours, but with your support, will offer a daily routine of learning where children can engage with their teachers regularly. Teams sessions will be at 9am and 11.30am in Reception, Y1 and Y2. Nursery will be doing different times which have already been communicated to parents.

We will also offer a weekly tuition session between your child and the class teacher and a reading session with the teaching assistant. Your child's teacher will speak to you to confirm the times for these. These will start next week.

I have attached the Code of Conduct to this letter. Please could you read it through with your child.

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Due to the age of the children at Mrs Bland's, it will take a little while for the children to get into a new routine. By offering short live sessions, the children should stay engaged and focussed and will then be able to move on to the home learning set on Seesaw. Give your children regular movement and comfort breaks and do reward them for the times they focus well. The teachers will be awarding stickers 'remotely' on a chart at school; you could keep a chart at home too?

If you have any problems or questions with remote learning please email remotelearning@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk

Home Learning Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-9.30am Via Teams	Registration Assembly Phonics Today's learning	Registration Assembly Phonics Today's learning	Registration Assembly Phonics Today's learning	Registration Assembly Phonics Today's learning	Registration Assembly – Celebration time!
9.30am-11.30am class activities set on Seesaw- (home learning)	Literacy - Maths	Literacy - Maths	Literacy Maths	Literacy Maths	Literacy Maths
11.30-12noon Via Teams	Review/sharing of learning Storytime PE	Review/sharing of learning Storytime Yoga	Review/sharing of learning Storytime PE	Review/sharing of learning Storytime Yoga	What did we learn this week? Friday Quiz Story time
Afternoons Independent project time- activities set on Seesaw	History/Music	Geography	Science	Art/DT	PE – with Danny Williams (On Seesaw)

Critical Worker Children

School will be open from 9am-3pm. The doors will be open in the morning at 8.50am to enable the children to come in promptly and join the 'live' classroom being offered on Teams.

Children will be taught in year group bubbles.

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Our priority is to keep school safe for the whole community. It is vital at this critical time, that all families follow the lockdown rules and take every precaution possible to reduce the danger of infection coming into school. Please:

- Continue to keep your child away if they are ill in any way.
- If anyone in your household displays Covid symptoms, it is important for all children in the household be kept out of school until test results are received.
- If anyone in the household tests positive, all members of the household need to isolate.

If a child becomes unwell at school they will be moved to the isolation area in Little Acorns. Parents are asked to ensure that there is never a time that there will not be an adult available to collect a child within 45 minutes of receiving a call from the school. Please make sure we have any changes of numbers.

If there is a confirmed case in school, we will enact procedures to isolate the staff and children in that bubble and parents will be informed.

To keep our staff safe we ask therefore that you continue to be especially careful when waiting for your children at the end of the day and do not interact with staff at this time. Maintain a 2m distance and wear a mask.

Uniform

Normal school uniform is expected for children attending school.

Items from Home

Children should minimise what is brought into the school. Please only bring the stated items on the pupil equipment list.

Children will need to bring their own water bottle to school, a fruit snack (fruit deliveries have ceased during lockdown) and a daily reading book will be provided and can travel between home and school.

Clubs

Bumblebees will be open to offer childcare for Critical Worker parents. During Lockdown, there will not be any after school clubs.

Visitors

We will have no unplanned visitors to the site and planned visitors will be for essential purposes.

We will keep our arrangements under review. We will resume all routines or add more measures as the circumstances dictate.

Kindest regards

Mrs C C Nisbet

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