

Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

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9pm Monday 4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

You will no doubt have heard the news about the new lockdown and that people are being told to work from home and that schools will close to most pupils from tomorrow, with remote learning until February half term.

The school will be closed tomorrow (5.1.21) in order to arrange staffing and to confirm eligibility to those children able to attend school. Work will be put on Seesaw for children to complete

Critical Workers

As mentioned earlier today via Parentmail, parents were asked that you indicate your request for attendance of your child at school due to you being a '**Critical/Frontline**'; **Key Worker**. (This means ONLY those parents who are nurses, doctors, teachers/education staff, healthcare workers, police, fire service, transport and food services who are NOT able to work from home).

If BOTH you AND your partner (both living at the same address) are a Critical/Frontline Key worker or If you are a single parent AND are a Critical/Frontline Key Worker.

We are also able to offer wrap around care for critical workers. If there is demand for this, we will staff the breakfast and after school club.

Both school attendance and wrap around-care attendance will only be offered to children of critical/frontline workers when you are working a shift.

Please do not complete the form if you are not in the above categories as we will not be able to allow attendance. Please do not assume that if your child attended as a Key Worker child during the previous lockdown that you will be given permission to allow attendance this time - we have a stricter procedure due to the worsening of cases - thank you.

You will only be allowed attendance at school if you have been issued an attendance form and your child's name has been placed on our attendance list. Please do not turn up at school with your child without this permission as you will be turned away

Remote and Blended Learning

We do understand that many parents work from home and you do have the ability and permission from your employers to allow you to do this safely.

We will be offering your children a combination of blended and remote learning and we will also be supplying resources to support the learning at home. 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.

Our teaching staff spent today preparing for remote learning and we have reviewed our policies and added them to the school website. We will also be sending out the 'Pupil Code of Conduct Guide for remote learning' via Parentmail. Over the next couple of days, teaching staff will be contacting you to arrange a trial 'Teams' meeting. Once everyone is able to connect, we are planning the following:

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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-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
afternoon Independent project time-activities set on Seesaw	History/Music	Geography	Science	Art/DT	Story time

No doubt, it will take a few days to settle into the routines and for teachers, children (and parents) to become familiar with the timetables, expectations and linking up via 'Teams'. It will be a learning curve for us all. The hope is the children will continue to learn and flourish but still be able to have face-to-face time with their peers and teachers. In the meantime, work will be put on Seesaw for parents to access for their children from tomorrow.

We hope, therefore that this will support you to continue to manage to work from home.

Children with SEND and Vulnerable Children

If your child has an EHCP, has specific SEND or is deemed vulnerable we will be contacting you separately.

There will be further information regarding opening for SEND/Vulnerable children as soon as possible but this will not be in place for Tuesday.

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I know many anxious parents will welcome this decision as they were also worried about sending their children in during this time. Many of you will not welcome it of course and we understand this. Either way, we ask and thank you in advance for your support.

We will continue to keep you updated and will set up a dedicated email for you to contact us with regards to remote learning remotelearning@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk
Please use this email to contact us about any Teams issues, questions about learning, resources, smaller group remote sessions etc
For school queries, please email/phone the school office as normal.

Let's hope the lockdown will reduce transmission and that you all stay healthy.

Kind regards

Mrs C C Nisbet