

8th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Following the Government's announcement on Monday evening, we have worked tirelessly to ensure that we are able to offer high quality accessible Remote Learning for children who will be remaining at home, whilst ensuring we maximise our capacity to provide learning in school for those eligible.

We have had many requests for places for children of critical workers and are pleased that we have been able to offer places to every family who needs *a place in school*. If you are a critical worker and need a place in school for your child, you will need to contact us and we will let you know within 48 hours.

In line with Government Guidance, we have also ensured we have capacity to offer places in school to vulnerable children (Children in care, children with an EHCP, children with a social worker) therefore continuing to ensure we provide the very highest levels of care and safeguarding.

Home Learning

Timetable

You will be sent a daily timetable of home learning *that will reflect the daily learning that is happening within the classroom*. This will be on Purple Mash.

You should have received by the end of today an exercise book in the post in which your child can record their learning. Should you have not received a book, then please contact the school, during normal school hours.

Special Education Needs

We are providing individual *work* for children who require specialised work *alongside their class learning*. These will be distributed *to you on a weekly basis*.

You will receive a telephone call each week to support you with any home learning issues.

Home learning/Online Safety

From Monday 11th January at 9am, we will be providing an online offer consisting of pre-recorded videos and support for the learning. This will all be available through **Purple Mash** and will not require any printing. This should make all the learning accessible through any digital devices that you have.

Please note: If you have an iPad or iPhone, you will need to either download PowerPoint and/or the Keynote app. This should already be on there. Both apps will allow you to listen to the audio sounds.

You may need to support your child in *accessing the* home learning and setting the work up, but it has been designed by the teachers so that your child should be able to get on with the vast majority of work independently. They may need occasional support, but do not feel you need *to sit by their side*.

If you have multiple children then please balance the time accordingly. For example, one child in the morning, the other in the afternoon: There is enough daily home learning to keep your child busy through the day if required.

If you need any support with the work set, or problems with resources please contact office@compassprimary.org

We will be including some lessons on online safety in our home learning offer. You will find a link on our website to support you with online safety, or contact your year group team if you have any questions.

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Free School Meals

We have issued vouchers for every family in receipt of free school meals. The vouchers are the same you will have received over the Christmas break and are simple to download from the text or email you receive.

If you have any problems with this system please contact Mrs Smith – office@compassprimary.org

Safeguarding, Welfare, Support

We will be making regular welfare calls to identified families. However, please feel free to call at any time or contact us if you need anything. Mrs Dunn is coordinating this. If you have any welfare or safeguarding issues or concerns, please contact fdunn@compassprimary.org



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If you have any safeguarding concerns about children in the community who **do not** attend *Compass* Primary please contact:

Telephone: 0300 126 1000 (8-6pm Monday to Friday) 01604 626938 (out of hours)

If you think you or the child is in immediate danger and needs urgent help, please call the police on 999

Mental Health Support

We appreciate these are very challenging times. Our website has a range of support with links to useful websites to support mental health under our home learning tab. **We have attached a poster for you to keep if you need any help.**

Food Bank

If you require support with food *or anything else*, please contact Mrs Dunn
fdunn@compassprimary.org

All other enquiries

Finally, I would like to say we are here to support you. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or issues. For all other enquiries please contact:

office@compassprimary.org or 01536 532707 (between 8.30 – 3.30)

We would like to thank you for your patience and support as we work to provide the very best quality and safest education, support and care for our school community.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fallowell



Respect. Co-Operation. Responsibility. Aspiration. Resilience.