

Red Oaks Primary School
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Newsletter



Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 3. We trust you all had a relaxing break albeit a little different to most years.

As we were thrown into another overnight National Lockdown on Monday evening, please bear with us whilst we get everything running in the new way. As you know, the Government guidance is that any families with one parent who is a key worker can send their child to school. The categories for these jobs are actually fairly broad and as a result we have over 130 children in school and some classes are almost full! We are more than happy to provide for these children but please **ONLY** send your child if you fall into one of the key worker or vulnerable child categories. If you have someone at home, please seriously consider the need for a space. We only say this as if class sizes become too large, it will defeat the purpose of trying to keep everyone safe.

We do not want to find ourselves in a situation where all teachers are needed in school and we have no one available to provide tailored online learning. Above all, we do not want to have to close classes altogether because of COVID cases.

Online Learning

The benefits of pre-recorded lessons are that your child can access lessons when this fits with your family schedule and working patterns. Children can also re-play parts of the lesson and pause when they need a little more time. Thank you for your positive feedback on these lessons so far - we are doing our best! Teachers are also taking a great deal of time to respond to all your comments on class Dojo and set work for children in the afternoons. These additional tasks are adding even more to teacher workload so please be aware that responses may not always be immediate.



Paper packs are ONLY for those who do NOT have access to the Internet; these are NOT supplementary to what is being provided online.

Enquiry Learning

Please see the website for an overview of what your children will be learning about this term: https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children_Enquiry_Learning.php
The curriculum section also details the learning objectives for each subject for each year group.

Values Based Education

During our values assemblies this term we will be thinking about how we can 'Achieve, Aspire and Grow'. Please visit the values section on the website and in relation to this, please post any achievements out of school on the Wall of Talent. https://www.redoaks.org/celebrating_children_Wall_Of_Talent.php

Dropping off and Collecting Children

As part of our Covid-19 risk assessment, we ask that children are dropped off and collected by one adult only. This helps to keep numbers on site as low as possible. For safeguarding purposes, please also refrain from using mobile phones whilst on school premises. Thank you.



Emails

Please keep an eye out for school emails as there is important information regularly sent out. Occasionally, school emails have been known to go into 'junk' folders so please also check these. If your personal details change, please let the office know as it is important that parents are contactable at all times in case of emergency as well as day to day communications.

Need some extra art lessons to do at home?

Check out the pre-recorded courses here and get £5 off using the link below (50% is then donated back to RedOaks Primary!)

<https://www.gosketchclub.com/courses?affiliate=uYFoWk&coupon=REDOAKS>

Also check out their Go Sketch Club YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/gosketchclub>

Facebook

Please remember to visit the school Facebook page. The address is below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Red-Oaks-Primary-School-108839344030965/>



either follow the link, or search for "Red Oaks Primary School Swindon" in Facebook.

The Facebook page is used to communicate important whole school information e.g. upcoming dates and events. In order to receive regular updates please 'Like' the page. Please note that the page is for information only and does not replace the usual means of communication with your class teacher. Please continue to contact your class teacher using the usual means. Many thanks.

Blended Learning

In the event of a partial or full closure Red Oaks Primary School will continue to provide blended learning for all those affected. Please refer to the scenarios and protocols document for the details. (Attachment to newsletter). Pre-recorded lessons will be sent out daily via class Dojo.

Red Oaks Primary School Blended Learning Scenarios

In the event of a partial or full closure Red Oaks Primary School will continue to provide blended learning for all those affected. This two-page guide explains the different tiers of lockdown for the school and then explains the protocols that staff, parents and children must follow.

Scenarios

There are 3 main scenarios, these are as follows:

Scenario 1 – A child is self-isolating at home

- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

Scenario 2- A class bubble or year group is closed or asked to self-isolate

(if the teacher is well please see below. If the teacher is unwell, please see Tier 1. In some situations, the other year group teacher will produce the online lessons, unless they are unwell too.)

- Daily pre-recorded online lessons in English and Maths (4 days) and 1 pre-recorded online lesson in another subject e.g. Science, History, Geography (this will vary dependent on the week). These lessons will be posted on the schools private YouTube page and links sent out via Class Dojo
- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning in addition to online lessons e.g. Art, P.E and Music ideas – **ONLY if there is NO access to the internet at home**
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

Scenario 3 – Partial or full school closure (school stays open for key worker and vulnerable children **)

- Daily pre-recorded online lessons in English and Maths (4 days) and 1 pre-recorded online lesson in another subject e.g. Science, History, Geography (this will vary dependent on the week). These lessons will be posted on the schools private YouTube page and links sent out via Class Dojo
- Online learning through existing platforms (EducationCity, MyMaths, SPAG.com, Purple Mash)
- Work pack sent home with paper-based learning - **ONLY if there is NO access to the internet at home**
- School website – links to learning resources in each year group (insert link)

** Key worker and vulnerable children in school will access the online learning sessions in school where possible.

Red Oaks Primary School Blended Learning Protocols

In line with government guidance and our safeguarding policy this blended learning protocol sheet will provide staff, parents and children with a list of do's and don'ts. Our aim is to provide clarity of expectation during periods of blended learning as well as keeping all children safe.

Teachers

- Will provide online curriculum content that is relevant and allows children to progress
- Lessons will be adopted where necessary to address any misconceptions in learning that may have arisen during the week
- Will display the same standards of dress and conduct that they would in the real world
- Will acknowledge children's learning via Class Dojo and comment where necessary to take learning forward.
- Will not communicate to parents or children later than 4pm.
- Will contact anyone who is not regularly participating in the online learning via telephone call to check in. Teachers will be able to identify these children via Class Dojo.
- Senior Leaders will quality assure online learning lessons
- Senior leaders will oversee the uploading of the online lessons and make sure this is done in a timely manner
- Senior leaders will support staff and parents with any concerns or safeguarding incidents that may arise.

Parents

- Will communicate through Class Dojo or via year group emails. If the communication is sent later than 4pm then the teacher will respond the next working day.
- Will post their child's work online via Class Dojo- this will then be acknowledged by the class teacher.
- Try to establish a routine for you child. This may look different in each household. Because lessons are recorded, this gives more flexibility with learning time.

Children

- Be ready to learn when you start the online lesson. Make sure you have everything you need- pens, pencils paper etc
- Make sure you are comfortable and in a good position to learn.
- Try and access the lessons at the same time everyday – a routine is very important, just like being in school. Your routine may not be the same as your friends.
- Try to take regular exercise and eat a balanced diet
- Try to always have a good night's sleep
- Try your best!