

5 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we are extremely disappointed that the children have not been able to return to school this week. We fully support the government's guidance on closing schools as we want to ensure that your children are safe at all times, however, we were all looking forward to welcoming them back tomorrow. The positive news is that teachers have been working hard over the past 24 hours to ensure our remote learning is ready to support your learning as much as possible at home.

We have worked tirelessly over the past 3 months to address the gaps in learning that happened during the first lockdown. The children have worked so hard and we don't want this hard work to now be undone. Therefore, we are asking our parents to once again rise-up and become the fabulous teachers that we saw during the first lockdown.

We have updated the portal <https://coleridgeprimary.org/homelearning/> where your child needs to access the home learning. For the rest of this week, all resources will take place online. However, after this week, we will be offering paper-based copies of work but this is only if they are essential. We are strongly recommending that all children access the work online and then write their answers in workbooks that can be provided by school. If you need any resources from school, please contact us by phone or email.

For F1 and F2 parents, we will be asking you to go onto the Tapestry website each morning. You will need to log in to your account and access the work on the website. Once your child has completed the work, could you please upload some pictures to show the child's class teacher for feedback. This will be extremely important as Miss Warner needs to evidence what your child has done over the past few weeks.

We are keen for all our children to engage in home-learning and we will be tracking their engagement through Dojo. For children in KS1 and KS2 we are expecting that all children upload their work onto Dojo each day. If children don't do this then TAs, Teachers or a member of the Leadership will contact you to see why your child is struggling to complete their work. We will support any child that is having issues with their learning and have several other options available to support children if needed.

As always, we want to celebrate children's successes at home. Using Dojo will help teachers talk to children on a daily basis and help them to improve their work. It will also help them celebrate when they've been successful in their learning. We will also be delivering Zoom meetings with classes to do online answers and check on children's well-being. Once again, these links will be shared on Dojo. We will also do two zoom assemblies a week where we will either focus on a topical issue or have a celebration assembly. We have already organised a zoom assembly for tomorrow at 2pm and the link is here <https://zoom.us/j/96951675788?pwd=UmxHeXREMVlzdXZjbE41cTM2SjBVdz09>

Finally, I know that this lockdown is another difficult time for us all. During the last 9 months, you've supported one another and made great progress. I know that you will continue to do this. Our remote learning is here to support you and make life as easy as possible. If you need anything, then please contact us and we are here for you. Myself or a member of SLT will be in school every day and will be in the community if you need any support. I want to stress that we need the community to support one another more than ever and make sure we stay safe. The new variant of the virus spreads so easily and we want to make sure that none of our families are affected so please, stay home, protect the NHS and save lives.

If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact school.

Take care and Stay safe,

Mr Tankard