



Abbotskerswell Primary School

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Dear Parents

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Abbotskerswell Remote learning contingency plan

In preparation for this latest Lockdown, we have devised a contingency plan for remote provision that, as far as possible, will mirror our school curriculum. After the government announcement yesterday this contingency plan is now going to come into use. For children who are in school as they are vulnerable or their parents are a key worker they will also be following the same learning as those at home.

Children's first day or two of being educated remotely might look different from our standard approach, while we take all necessary actions to prepare for the planned longer period of remote teaching and balancing this with the pupils we have in school.

From Monday 11th January – there will be a daily 'register'. It is a statutory requirement that all children continue with their learning whether at home or in school. Teachers will carry out a daily register to check attendance and that the work being set is being completed. Where teachers have concerns that work is not being completed, initially they will raise these concerns with you at home and see how they can help. This will then escalate onto me to contact you and put plans in place to support if needed.

For children in Swift and Kingfisher, there will be a live meeting at 9:15am each day, from Monday 11th January. A link for these meetings will be sent to you prior to this.

As a school what we will offer:

- set tasks so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects
- teach a planned and well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practised in each subject
- provide frequent, clear explanations of new content
- gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum and regularly check work set
- adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or tasks, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding
- plan a programme that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, ideally including daily contact with teachers

If you are struggling for technology at home, please email the office and we will be able to loan you an ipad for the duration of the lockdown.



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If your child has special educational needs and is working from home:

For children with special educational needs, they will receive work emailed to their parents or put into the class folders that is specific to meet their needs. Teachers will differentiate the work to meet all individual children's needs and provide additional advice on how to support their child's learning at home. These pupils will also receive a weekly phone call from Miss Walsh in her role as Sendco or one of the staff team to check and support with how they are coping. Advice and support will also be given on how specific areas of need can continue at home and how parents can support with this.

Miss Walsh will be contactable for parents who have SEN concerns at sendco@abbotskerswell-primary.devon.sch.uk

Puffin Class

Puffin parents will have access to:

- a range of activities that will embed previously taught skills
- pre-recorded videos of key learning that we have covered to demonstrate how the Puffins learn in school, particularly based around handwriting, phonics and Maths
- links to other online resources and activities
- newly recorded videos based on the learning taking place at that time
- a folder of support materials to use alongside the activities and videos
- a folder of reading books

Information on how to access all of these resources will be posted in the Puffin Class folder on the school website.

We encourage all parents to upload some examples of their child's home learning achievements, in one summary post, at the end of each school day. Parents can comment on successes and any areas their child may have needed more support with. Mr Lawrence will check these posts Monday - Friday, between 4 and 5pm.

During whole class isolation periods, parents can contact Mr Lawrence between 9:00am - 5:00pm via the email address: puffin@abbotskerswell-primary.devon.sch.uk

Robin Class

We will upload a weekly timetable for children to follow at home to the Robin Class folder on the school website. We will provide some learning via pre-recorded video of the teacher in the school teaching the other children, this will be for particular subjects such as Phonics where children are learning new sounds or Maths where learning a new concept. For other subjects where it is easier for children to follow a set routine, we will make use of online resources such as Oak National Academy. We will aim to keep the content of the work set as similar as possible to that we would be covering in school. Parents can send work in for adults to view via Tapestry. We request that parents only send 1 post per day containing all work completed rather than individual uploads for each task. When deemed necessary we will respond by commenting to Tapestry uploads. These responses will vary depending on content, they could be praise for the work completed, it could be specific feedback or may be further challenge/support that can be followed up the next day.

Parents are able to contact Mr Chidler via the Robin Class email robin@abbotskerswell-primary.devon.sch.uk). Mr Chidler will aim to respond to emails as quickly as possible. Should parents feel a phone call would be more helpful/suitable to discuss the child's needs then this can be requested via email (please state the best time to phone and the best contact number in the email) and a member of the Robin team will call when possible.



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Key Stage 2

Swift Class and Kingfisher

A timetable and work will be set up in the **Swift and Kingfisher class closure folders** that will help structure what learning for your child and to offer a broad and balanced curriculum. This will be planned and changed on a weekly basis.

Example of what a daily routine may look like:

At school we try to complete these types of tasks in the morning.

Reading

1. Personal reading-Choose challenging books and talk about what they have read to an adult. Adults can ask about unusual words and phrases, what the characters are like- where is the evidence for this, what type of story it is and what might happen next. If your child has access to audiobooks this would be a good time to explore these as well.
2. Look on Education City for English homework set.

Maths

1. Aim to complete the tasks set on My Maths daily. Each task will have a lesson. Watch the lesson carefully and complete the tasks.
2. TTRockstars will be available so they can practice their tables to increase speed and fluency.
3. Whiterose lessons will be set with videos and worksheets to support

Writing

1. On the timetable there will be an extended piece of writing for them to spend 30 minutes on daily. Work can be written, edited for spelling and punctuation errors (Collins online dictionary is recommended for this) and finally edited for improvement of vocabulary and sentence structure. Finally, the work can be copied up neatly in joined handwriting as a final neat copy.
2. Spelling- learn as many common exception words as possible and put them into a sentence in order to know when to use them in their everyday writing. Some children have access to Nessler and can work on this.
3. If your child struggles with handwriting, then this is a great opportunity for daily handwriting practice.

Wider curriculum

1. Activities will be based around our class topics. These activities will cover other curriculum areas.
2. If possible, try to keep your child active and fit. At school the children run around for at least 1 hour a day and have additional PE slots.
3. Playing turn taking games, conversation and fun will be important at this time.

Contact details

Swift

Parents are able to contact Mrs Pearson and Miss Walsh via the Swift Class email swift@abbotskerswell-primary.devon.sch.uk Mrs Pearson and Miss Walsh will aim to respond to emails as quickly as possible.

Kingfisher

Parents are able to contact Mrs Williams and Miss Cooke via the Kingfisher Class email kingfisher@abbotskerswell-primary.devon.sch.uk Mrs Williams and Miss Cooke will aim to respond to emails as quickly as possible.

Should parents feel a phone call would be more helpful/suitable to discuss the child's needs then this can be requested via email (please state the best time to phone and the best contact number in the email) and a member of the team will call when possible.



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Best wishes

Kevin Martin
Headteacher



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