



## **Friday Flyer – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parent,

Thank you all for your continued support as we operate school in a remote way during this lockdown. It has been lovely to see the plethora of responses on See-Saw and Tapestry and to see lots of you on the class and whole school meetings.

### **REOPENING/HALF-TERM**

You will have heard the date of the **8<sup>th</sup> March** signalled by the Prime Minister as the earliest date to start a return to school. Whilst I am hopeful that this may be the start of a return, please do not overly share this date with your children. I will know more nearer the time; school leaders and parents have been promised at least two weeks' advance notice in which to prepare. We are well planned and ready to return whenever asked to do so.

***Half term will go ahead as planned for all schools.***

We will be closed for **all pupils**, including those of critical workers from

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

School we reopen to Critical Worker groups on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

### **CRITICAL WORKERS**

In school we have two critical worker groups. It is important that the group sizes are kept to a minimum to support the reduction in transmission of the virus. These 'bubbles' are important in enabling critical, key workers to carry out their roles.

I would ask that all parents who are sending their children into school to **review their needs** in line with the guidance below;

**If your child possibly can be looked after at home, even if you are a critical worker, you should not send them to school. This is government guidance.**

Equally, I would encourage you to use the provision only when you need to – for example half days or only when you need – Mon, Tues, Fri.

**Please tell us if you no longer need a place in school.**

## REMOTE LEARNING

Around 25 Chromebook laptops have been loaned to support learning at home. Please do let me know if you need one or more – I am more than happy to set up on your Wi-Fi from a safe distance too!

I appreciate that supporting learning at home can be difficult and challenging. I have worked with staff to ensure that the work set is broad, balanced and as accessible as possible. We are adapting and changing as we go. The responses to the learning have been amazing. Please do bear in mind that staff may have their own children at home too so are juggling their teaching/support roles and parental responsibilities.

I am also mindful that you will have your own differing demands at home that will shape how you approach the tasks set. Please **do** find your own rhythms and routines. Getting out for some exercise and fresh air is important – make sure you factor this into your day! There are a range of activities on these Padlets should you need additional inspiration or support; [Home Learning - All the Padlets!](#)

## E-SAFETY

This website - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting> is a great source of advice and ideas around supporting you and your family with navigating the internet safely. Whether on phone, tablet, computer or gaming platform – there are resources to help.

Please take the time to chat with your child about their online usage and safety, as we do regularly in school. The latest Digital Parenting magazine is here (and attached alongside the Flyer).

[https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/31/page/799147\\_page\\_file.pdf](https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/31/page/799147_page_file.pdf)

These guides on our e-safety Padlet are also useful - <https://en-gb.padlet.com/head260/djn1jsffrdiuy>

## STORYHOUSE LINKS

Rhianne, our creative practitioner has been busy developing activities to do at home. I know that many of you have tried them and you can revisit to have another go. Here are the links for the three activities Rhianne has developed this term;

Week 1 video - Focus Exercises [https://youtu.be/jMZ\\_ii\\_Hx-4](https://youtu.be/jMZ_ii_Hx-4)

Week 2 video – Energising Activities <https://youtu.be/sNZe35iC53g>

Week 3 video – What's Outside my Window? <https://youtu.be/QFagUMHgHLc>

## ART ACTIVITIES

Mr Clayton has been busy recording some Art Activities for you to try – often linked to our assembly but things that you can do throughout the week or on the weekend. He now has his own YouTube channel!

[Jon Clayton - YouTube](#)



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**Stay Safe.**

Mr Wearing, Miss Creek & the Kelsall Team.