

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 14

Dear Parent/s / Carer/s

Face to face learning

Whilst the DfE have confirmed in their guidance that all pupils currently attending our school for face to face curriculum delivery are able to continue attending, they also state that 'Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can'. If your family has an adult at home, especially if they are not working, you should be engaging in home learning as wherever possible, this is the safest, most supportive option for all.

Sensibly, where any parent wishes for their child to be absent for home learning, this is authorised during the national lockdown period and the absence will not be penalised.

Broadband

Help with broadband and data to further enable home learning is available through the following link:

https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data?utm_content=buffer09620&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer&fbclid=IwAR3LOqJZaHChNpEIaA_9OuLZwbo64w9bO1ouhSP5dJPzcZ0z2xagW2-cTRg

Year 6 Staffing for Key Worker Pupils

Following an updated risk assessment and new DfE guidelines, Mrs Lowe will not work face to face in school from Monday 25 January. Instead, she will lead all year 6 home learning and Miss Vincent will deliver face to face, for most of year 6, on site.

Due to the requirements of social distancing (at least 2 square meters per pupil in class) there will now be too many pupils and not enough Y6 staff on site to secure face to face provision as a year group. Therefore, the organisation from Monday 25 January 2021 for our Year 6 key worker pupils will be to either:

1. receive remote learning at home or
2. become part of a year 6 bubble in school working on the remote learning pack or
3. become part of a Y5/6 bubble in school, where both year groups work on their own remote learning packs

Please let the office know if you will switch to Y6 remote learning by 10 AM on Monday 18 January, so that we can arrange provision accordingly.

Private Donations

People are amazing.

Thank you to everyone who has donated used tablets and laptops to help those in need of support with home learning. Your efforts are really appreciated.

In addition, we were staggered to receive two large private cash donations this week to directly help with our community Covid support. One came from Bristol and the other from Madrid! Thanks PJ and PTG, you brought a tear to my eye.

I was also amazed to take delivery of 2 tablets to my doorstep in an Uber from Kingston last Friday night from such a thoughtful lady (thanks JB), followed by a donation food vouchers this week from Bristol (thanks EYV).

If you know of people who can help their school communities, please spread the word. Quite often, if people know the options, they will find a way to help if they can.

Home Learning Free School Meals

Pupils who are home learning during the current lockdown and entitled to free school meals should by now have collected their food parcels from the school office. If you are unhappy with the food that you have received please make the school office or providers aware.

From the week beginning 18 January your child will be issued food vouchers instead. Vouchers will be to a value of £15 per week, per child. They will be emailed to you on a fortnightly basis. Please advise the school office of any changes to your email address ASAP.

Free School Meals

As home circumstances change, your child may become eligible for free school meals and in turn the school will receive additional funding to support them. Please feel free to confidentially contact the office if you are in doubt.

Safety

Please make sure that your safety and the safety of others comes first. If any member of your household is displaying Covid – 19 symptoms, pupils must not come in to school – the only exception being if the symptomatic member of the family has already received a negative test result since showing symptoms.

Clicker Writer – Support for Remote Learning

As a school we have purchased software to help children who are learning at home. It is particularly useful for children who are reluctant to write. It can be used to produce any of the writing tasks set by the class teacher.

To access the software you need to download the following app onto either an iPad or a Chromebook, then use our school's log in details below.



Clicker Writer (4+)

Writing for all abilities

[Crick Software](#)

★★★★★ 4.2 • 5 Ratings

Free - Offers In-App Purchases

Organisation ID:

org140052

Password:

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Finally, remote learning for the juniors will continue to be available through Google Classroom and the next pack of learning for YR, 1 and 2 will be with you for use from Monday 18 January shortly.

Kind regards

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Headteacher