

5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Remote Learning

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support – this is much appreciated!

Following this letter, you will receive an e-mail detailing the remote curriculum coverage for your child's class for this half-term.

As detailed in the Phase 3 document and previous correspondence, (now that the school is closed for most pupils) remote learning will start from tomorrow. Once again, thank you for completing the parent survey in September which helped us to further develop our provision, the key points being:

- Every day between 2-3pm, teachers will upload the remote learning (for the following day). Tomorrow's learning will be uploaded today. This will be uploaded to your child's class page on the Covid19 section of the website.
<https://www.gadevalley.herts.sch.uk/home-learning-2021/>
- Learning will be based on the curriculum - each day we will try and incorporate the usual daily lessons.
- Activities will be delivered through teacher videos, online links or written tasks.
- Teachers will respond to any learning questions that pupils/parents may have between 1pm and 3pm each day.
- Teachers will facilitate a weekly 'zoom' meeting for Years 2-6 to aid social interaction.
- Staff will endeavour to make contact with each pupil every week by telephone.
- Pupils will be able to send photos of work via e-mail to their teachers.
- Teachers will post answers/feedback to activities through the website, e-mail and phone.
- Learning activities may require resources that have already been sent home. If you require further resources, please contact the office for collection.
- In time, we hope to offer the full range of Gade Valley initiatives, such as golden tickets or secret reader.
- Where pupils can't access the internet, children will receive additional learning packs (paper based) to complete. Please contact the office if you require assistance.

As a staff team, we fully appreciate how difficult this is for parents and children. My advice would be to do what you can - don't stress if you can't do everything, keep a routine and stay positive. Any learning is good learning!

Please note that although the school is closed to almost all children, it is providing critical childcare for those that desperately need it. This is for parents who are critical workers and are not able to work at home or who don't have access to a childcare bubble at home. It is essential to have all children at home to stop the virus spreading.

Take care,

Mr Barron