



Rivers Primary Academy
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Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you for all of your support, patience, understanding and kind words during these uncertain times. We have all had to respond quite quickly to changes that have been put our way. As ever, our Rivers' community of staff, parents/carers and children have all responded amazingly! I'm more proud than ever to be Headteacher of such a fabulous school.

COVID Safety

I have been informed by Public Health Walsall that the cases currently in Walsall are at the highest that they have been. Please ensure that you are following lockdown restrictions and continuing to help to keep our school community safe. If you do need to come to the school site for any reason, please remember to respect social distancing and wear a face covering when entering the building. Please remember, that if your child is unwell and has any COVID symptoms, then please do not send them to school but to follow the guidance from the NHS.

Children attending school

At this current time, whilst we have a limited number of children in school, we will only be opening our new Mersey Road entrance in the morning and at the end of the day. It will only be open from 0830 - 0845 each morning, so please ensure that you arrive before 0845. We will continue to offer hot food from our weekly menu for the children in school and these will still be sent, as usual, weekly via ParentMail. If your child shows any symptoms of COVID, then you must not send them to school. Please inform us and follow advice given by the NHS.

Contact

Teachers will also be making a weekly wellbeing call. We want to know how your children are doing, not just academically but emotionally too. We are one team, let us know if you have any concerns, we want to help. We also recognise the supportive role that you parents/carers are playing, let us know how we can help you to help us. Our partnership is what will guide us through this tricky time. Talk to us, let us know of any issues and let us

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help where we can. We haven't gone anywhere, we are just at the end of an email or phone call. Teachers will be monitoring and responding, as and when they are able to Class Dojo during school hours. Our pastoral team remain in school, please contact them if you have an urgent issue that needs to be resolved.

Children entitled to Free School Meals

Whilst we await further guidance from the DfE, schools across Windsor Academy Trust are using a voucher system, similar to last lockdown. For those entitled, many have received their first week already and if not, you will do shortly.

Safeguarding

As a school we are still fully committed to the safeguarding of all of our pupils. Should you have a safeguarding concern, please contact the school office and ask to speak to either Mrs Dawes, Mrs Moorhouse or Miss Gamwell. Alternatively, please send Mrs Dawes a message on Class Dojo.

Remote Learning

During this period of partial school closure we will ensure that all children can continue with their education. We will ensure curriculum provision is delivered by a teacher through online learning platforms, live and pre recorded lessons.

Our teachers will set meaningful and ambitious work each day in an appropriate range of subjects. Teaching will include both live and recorded lessons along with time for pupils to complete activities and work independently. In EYFS and Key Stage 1 we will use Class Dojo and Google Meet and in Key Stage 2 Class Dojo and Google Classroom to replicate our classrooms remotely.

What does this look like?

Each week, teachers will share a weekly timetable to support you in juggling and managing your many different schedules, tasks and jobs whilst at home. Then, each day teachers will share a suggested schedule of lessons for the day along with the times of live lessons. Generally the schedule for the day will be as indicated in the table below, we hope this will support you in maintaining some sort of normality and routine during the school week.

Nursery 1 Hour	EYFS 2 Hours	KS1 3 Hours	KS2 4 Hours
Phonics (15 Mins) Maths (15 Mins) English (15 Mins) Story (15 Mins) Creative/Understanding the world Activity	Phonics (30 Mins) English (20 Mins) Maths (20 Mins) Creative Activity Understanding the World Activity	Phonics (30 Mins) English (45 Hour) Maths (45 Hour) Lesson (30 Mins) Lesson (30 Mins)	Reading (30 Mins) English (1 Hour) Maths (1 Hour) Key Skills (30 Mins) Lesson (45 Mins) Lesson (45 Mins)

Your first point of contact with regards to your child's remote education is their class teacher. Miss Anderson will be taking overall responsibility for our academy's remote learning, please do contact her with any feedback or queries you have about our overall approach.

Please see our trust's live learning agreement, attached to this email. You will have seen it before, please ensure you and your child have read and understood it. If you have any questions please contact Miss Anderson.

Devices

We are currently awaiting some devices from the Department for Education. Please remember that Xboxes, PlayStations and Kindles are all able to host Google Classroom.

Celebration and communication

Each Friday at 0910 we will celebrate virtually, as a community, our children's academic and personal achievements. Hot chocolate rewards and Aspire Ambassador certificates will be posted out each week and a weekly newsletter will be shared on a Monday morning.

Thank you once again for all your support.
Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wright
Headteacher