

# Brabourne CE Primary School

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## Home Learning

I would just like to express my sincere thanks to parents and carers for all you continue to do to support your child's learning, particularly given the many challenges that working families are facing. With almost all of our children engaging regularly in their learning, I think Brabourne is very lucky to have such supportive families.

We are conscious of family well-being also. Please do as much as you can, particularly in English and Maths, but we also understand that children need to be in the right frame of mind to learn and that this can be challenging in the current circumstances. There may be times, when you need to take a break and just go for a walk or have a 'breather'. The teachers will understand if this is the case.

I will, of course, let you know if there is any news or changes to the government's current closure of schools. We sincerely hope to see you all back as soon as possible.

## Key worker/vulnerable children

Thank you for the considerate replies to my correspondence yesterday regarding Key Worker Children in school. We know that there is a fine balance currently between controlling the virus and ensuring that spaces are available for those families who have no other option. Just to reiterate, the current guidance states that **"Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can."**

## Consolidation afternoon

Starting next week, the teachers will be adding a 'consolidation' afternoon to the class timetables on Seesaw. This will allow time for children to catch up on work they haven't yet finished, before moving on to new material. For those that are up to date, this will give the children some enrichment activities they can complete more independently.

## Well-being catch up sessions

Starting next week also, each class teacher will be streaming live, twice a week, to catch up with the children - perhaps reading a story, doing a quiz, or just to say hello. We will be sending the details out to each class. There will be some important guidelines to follow, so please read these carefully before logging on.

## Laptops/Tablets

Another example of the kindness, offered by those in the community, is the donation to the school of several laptops and tablets to help any families, in need of technology, to support home learning. I would like to thank Mike Hickmott, who organised this for us, as well as Hester Fenwick,

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the staff at Iconology and all those who donated items. If you are in need of a laptop or tablet, please let me know, so that we can arrange for one to be lent out.

### **Reading Eggs**

A new resource has been purchased called Reading Eggs, which will allow children to read books online at home. A letter will be coming out soon to parents/carers, with a log in for your child.

### **Student Teacher**

The Key Worker children who are in school, certainly in the older class bubble, will have already met our Student Teacher Ms Dunn. We welcome her to our school and hope that she has a successful placement.

### **Support**

Please remember we are here to support families as much as we can. I am at the school every day, so please contact me if you need to discuss any aspect of your child's learning, or welfare.

With best wishes,

**Andrew Stapley**  
**Headteacher**