

# Brabourne Church of England Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Stapley

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Home learning

Firstly, I wish to thank parents/carers for your support with home learning and in establishing routines so quickly with your children, in our first week of term. It has been a joy to see the children engaging so fully with the online learning platforms. Please remember that the teachers are available throughout the day to support where needed and give feedback to the children on their learning. I have spoken to most parents, where the lack of technology at home is a barrier to learning. If this is the case, please contact me directly, as I will be happy to help provide you with the tools you need to help your child's learning continue.

The teachers are providing full curriculum coverage, for all subjects. The learning is also sequential, with each new lesson building upon the knowledge and skills of the last, as would be the case during a normal school day. I appreciate that home learning is a huge challenge for working parents, particularly younger children who are less independent, or parents with siblings. Where possible, please prioritise English and Maths and **do contact us for advice or support**.

## Key worker/vulnerable children

We remain open for vulnerable pupils and pupils where a parent has critical worker status. As rates continue to climb locally and nationally, I would urge parents/carers to only send their children to school on days, when **no other alternatives are available**.

I am conscious that as rates rise, key workers, including some of our parents who are Doctors and Nurses, will also need to self-isolate for 10 days should one of our bubbles close.

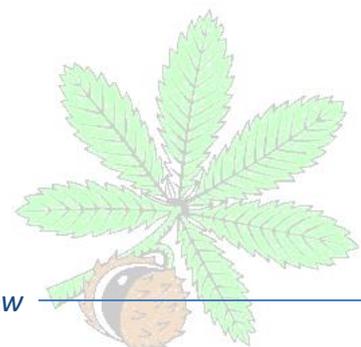
I thank parents for your understanding in what is a difficult and challenging time for everyone.

## Equipment

Children who attend school will need:

- A packed lunch and morning fruit snack
- Non-school uniform
- Coat and warm clothing
- A pencil case with some key items

The school is open from 8.40am to 3.15pm.



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## Covid-19

For those children attending school, **please ensure that if your child has any of the main symptoms, however mild, they do not attend.** For more information, please click on the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If anyone in the family receives a positive test, the school must be contacted immediately.

## Reports

Interim reports have been written by the teachers to provide parents/carers with details of the children's progress since September. These will now be posted to your home addresses and should be with you in the next few days. If you do not receive your child's report, please let us know and we can arrange for a copy to be emailed to you.

## Free school meals

You may have heard in the press that the government is to continue to fund food vouchers for those children who normally receive free dinners in school. We are still waiting on the government to provide details of this scheme and will arrange for vouchers to be sent as soon as we are notified. If any families are struggling in this regard, **please do not hesitate to contact me for further support.** Rev. Chris also has food parcels, which I am more than happy to arrange to be delivered, for any families in need. Please contact me in confidence, if I can help in any way with these matters.

Please keep an eye on your emails and text notifications, as I will remain in regular contact with updates as I receive them.

Thank you all for your support during this difficult time and I wish you all a restful weekend.

With kind regards

Andrew Stapley

Headteacher

