



# CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

## Headteacher's Week-end Letter 10.01.2021

Well, that's the first week done. Four days of remote learning and think of all we have achieved. There are so many people to thank for being truly amazing. All of the support staff - supervising, running, planning, organising, caring and smiling for all the children who are in school. You have been super stars and the children are being kept safe in year group bubbles and are completing the remote learning in school. The support staff who are continuing to run the before and after school provision for parents which I know so many appreciate as it means that they can continue to attend work. All of the teaching staff adapting your way of working to change from planning work to teach face to face at school to moving to remote learning to be completed at home. You have shown that when you get a challenge you rise to it. To Mr Barnett from time4sport who has adapted his sessions and been an important part of the school team and Miss Clarke who has provided meals from the kitchen. To my leadership team who have supported in school and completed remote learning and have been a rock to me. To the office staff who have been drowning in paper getting work packs out as quickly as we can and being available at school for queries from parents and IT support who are sorting out the printers and other technical parts of remote learning. To the lunchtime supervisors who come in each day to offer support during dinner time. To the caretakers, and cleaners for keeping school safe and deep cleaning at the end of the day. To the parents who have adapted to becoming their child's teacher and the children who have again shown their resilience and determination to be successful. I am so proud of each and every one of you; thank you.

We will be using different ways to communicate with both parents and children. We will send links to recorded lessons and assemblies on loom or youtube. We will also be using Microsoft teams to communicate with the children. We want to try and keep the link between the class and school alive. Each year group has their own email address for you to email back to your class teacher. This will be sent as part of the work sent out. Please ensure to send work back to these emails to your class teacher. This will help them to plan more appropriately and adapt lessons to suit your child's learning and progress.

In school we have 90 children attending out of 383, 24% of the school population. It is important to keep the numbers low to ensure the safety of the children attending, parents collecting and the staff in school. In the risk assessment these small groups are essential. The government have been a little vague and contradictory on advice but currently the **only** children who should be attending school are:

- Children who are vulnerable
- Children whose parents are keyworkers and **have no other form of child care available.**
- Other children identified by the school who may struggle with working from home – for example special needs children.

We have created waiting lists for bubbles that are full and we could request support from other schools in the Trust if places are urgently needed.

**A few reminders**

- For children in school, the procedure is the same as previously. If your child is showing symptoms or anyone else in the household they must not attend until a negative test has been obtained. If the test is positive your child must isolate for 10 days.
- We break up for half term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Training day Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

We would like to have a celebration assembly every Friday and so I will be asking teachers to give me their nominations based on work they receive and conversations they have with your child. I will also continue to give team points to work submitted so we can have a team of the week!

Thank you for your continued support,  
Diane Beardsmore  
Headteacher