

Newsletter ~ 19.1.2021



Reminders:-

- Please wear a mask if you are entering the school site
- If your child is not in school everyday - please ensure they are doing remote learning on the days they are at home

Message from Mr Lamorte - Head of School



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. These are certainly strange times, but I can't help but be impressed by the spirit shown by the few children who are in school and those that are submitting work through Dojo, completed at home. Our staff team are proving once again, what a strong, proactive, committed and creative group of professionals they are. Their dedication to ensuring all children receive a high quality learning offer through remote learning, often with guidance from the government which changes weekly if not daily, is nothing short of excellent. Our remote learning offer continues to be reviewed and developed as we speak.

Please remember that the National Lockdown isn't an opportunity for children to have additional time off, children should be doing remote learning at home. Those children who complete the learning provided and submit work through dojo will have a significant advantage when children return to school. At present teachers are setting work, through 'Wakelet,' to ensure that children have the following daily offer:

- A morning pre-recorded video briefing to welcome the children and explain the expectations of the day. (This is being implemented from Monday 18th January 2021)
- Maths and English lessons
- Phonics if in EYFS and KS1
- Reading in KS1 and KS2

- A topic lesson
- Regular story time.

Children supported by parents are expected to take photos of their work to upload to Dojo, so that teachers can provide feedback. More information on our home learning offer will be sent to you shortly.

It is important to highlight that home-schooling is not the same as being in school, so please remember that:

1. The first and most important outcome of this is that we are all okay physically and mentally. Look after yourselves, take breaks and take one day at a time.
2. Please ensure that you prioritise core subjects such as Reading / Phonics, English and Maths.
3. Ensure that the children get daily exercise. There is a PDF document entitled 'Core Strength Exercises,' containing ideas for this on our website, in the 'Homework' section of the 'Pupils' tab.

If you have any problems accessing / completing the remote learning resources, please contact school for further advice.

We will be continuing with 'Well-being' calls and we will also be calling children who don't submit work to dojo, in order to discuss their learning and understanding of work provide. We do miss them after all! It is important to highlight that where children cannot be contacted, home visits will be completed, as part of our statutory ongoing duty of care.

Wishing you all a safe few weeks ahead and hope your children enjoy completing the remote learning offer that the staff are working so hard to prepare.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding:

During our time of closure, some children in the community will count heavily on neighbours to look out for them and keep them safe. If you are concerned about a child over the Christmas period, please contact one of the following organisations in confidence to report your concerns:

- Birmingham Children's Trust (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 option 2, option 2
- NSPCC - Tel: 0808 800 5000, report online at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>¹
- or email NSPCC directly at help@nspcc.org.uk
- Police - If a child is in immediate danger, please dial 999

¹<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nspcc.org.uk%2Fkeeping-children-safe%2Freporting-abuse%2Freport%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308796429|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=ZKr1rOjXQm5x0ZVelkVurdf0O5Qj%2BYZqM5qSq6SdOYw%3D&reserved=0>

It is normal to feel anxious, nervous or unsure about getting in touch with the agencies above but please be assured that the agencies are there to help and take that worry from you. Letting us or an agency know that you're worried about a child could be the first step to helping protect them from a lifetime of abuse and neglect.

Childhood Mental Health:

We know that during this period of further uncertainty, both child and adult mental health can be affected.

We have therefore included some links below of agencies that can provide some emotional support for you and your child, if needed, during this time.

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>²

Forward Thinking Birmingham/PAUSE: <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>³

The Children's Society: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond>⁴

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/information/young-people/well-being/resources>⁵

Mind: https://www.mind.org.uk/donate/?gclid=CjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzGQAvD_BwE⁶

Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>⁷

²<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childline.org.uk%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=qBB62BQjzoP8ql%2FIP7RH9GSWrF0aBG5ZaMoSmb6PJiY%3D&reserved=0>

³<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk%2Fservices%2F13-pause&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=F9HO7QwLP2AP4NY15DH6WuwkCtSVGvc%2BSynoUupd9E0%3D&reserved=0>

⁴<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrensociety.org.uk%2Fsee-hear-respond&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=PJjiSHGuLp2647byDX3Ttlm0bKwc8PurYtdw28IOEXY%3D&reserved=0>

⁵<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrensociety.org.uk%2Finformation%2Fyoung-people%2Fwell-being%2Fresources&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=0AaohrlVqyUTEsn4tTTzBSgAbFA37%2FbLb0Szxmx1kmw%3D&reserved=0>

⁶https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mind.org.uk%2Fdonate%2F%3Fgclid%3DCjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzGQAvD_BwE&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=c8VgRAUXs%2FvIKYJzQxzSYKd9VjAFMYfHopsD%2BvIA0o%3D&reserved=0

If you would like to speak to someone in school regarding which service you feel would be beneficial to you, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Online Safety: Please see a letter from Hayley Eaton, Safeguarding Lead, regarding online safety on our school website. The letter can be found in the Key Information.

Helpful guide to accessing work and how to return it

Wychall Primary School Guide to Remote Blended Learning

The children at Wychall are being provided with remote blended learning via Wokelet.

Wokelet is a learning platform.

Your child's work will be posted on Wokelet, you will have been sent a link for your child's Wokelet page by text.

You can click on the Wokelet link on your phone and it will take you to Wokelet. You can also put this link into the address bar on a laptop, tablet or any other device which will allow you to access the internet e.g. P54.

Remote blended learning involves your child having an input via Wokelet through methods such as:

- A powerpoint
- A powerpoint with a voice over
- A powerpoint with an attached video clip
- A video clip
- A video clip of a teacher giving an explanation

Once your child has watched the input they will complete their work, this could be work on paper, creating a piece of art or completing an activity e.g. a counting task using items from home. This work will not be completed on a device.

You DO NOT need to print out pages from Wokelet for your child to complete.

You only need to request a paper pack if you are NOT ABLE to access the input on Wokelet.

RETURNING YOUR CHILD'S WORK

Your child's work will need to be returned to school via the Dojo app, this is for children who are accessing Wokelet. **Also** those with paper packs.

You will have been sent a link to your child's class page. You will need to photograph or video your child's work and upload it to Dojo.

⁷<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.samaritans.org%2Fhow-we-can-help%2Fcontact-samaritan%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=3UmPhJl0ffbBIGM5Y6mr3eVUUFUpblHhqCJb7kaYzOM%3D&reserved=0>

HOW TO UPLOAD TO DOJO

1. Go into the Dojo App and click on stories.
2. Click on the icon (photo or blank circle) in the top left hand corner.



This will take you to a page where you can see your name and your child's name.

3. Click on your child's name.



4. Then click on your child's class.




5. You are now in an area where you can upload a photo or video, click on create new.




6. Choose the photo or video option and upload.





FEEDBACK

Staff will provide feedback on Dojo.



Your child may receive feedback between the times of 8.30am – 5.00pm but feedback may also be sent the following day.

- Please try and upload your child's work to Dojo on the day the work is set.
- We will be phoning families if work is not returned, so we can support with any technical difficulties.
- As part of your child's well-being phone call, the member of staff will ask your child for feedback about their work.

TTRS - remember to do these even if you are at home!



Class	Week ending 8 Jan 21	Week ending 15 Jan 21
1M	William N	William N
1W	Arash	Arash
2L	Annayah L	Annayah L
3R	Amba	Amba
3D	Neitonas	Neitonas
4B	Kyra	Kyra
4F	Valonia	Valonia
5M	Owen A	Owen A
5W	Jacob O	Jacob O
6C	Miya K	Keely E
6R	Alussa C	Miya H

Families Birmingham - see the link below to the online magazine full of useful information



[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fambhamjanfeb21digital?fr=sMTcwOTI2NjA4ODM&utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Distribution Points Mag Link Jan%2fFeb&utm_medium=email](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fambhamjanfeb21digital?fr=sMTcwOTI2NjA4ODM&utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Distribution+Points+Mag+Link+Jan%2fFeb&utm_medium=email)

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