



We're All In This Together—Again!

Well, we're here again. After the joy and cheer of Christmas dinners, nativities and House Church services during the last week of term, I don't think any of us could have predicted that we would be back in a full lockdown so quickly.

Last lockdown and ever since, the teachers have shared their weekly plans with you in a series of 'Let's Keep Learning' documents which can be found on the class blogs. While the last two weeks have been somewhat of a whirlwind, our staff and parents have shown a huge commitment to just that; to ensure that our children keep on learning and that they are safe and happy.

Learning isn't just about *what* we learn, it's also about *how* we do it. Our children have done an amazing job in adapting to a new way of working, showing huge amounts of resilience and developing their independence. These are qualities that are very much needed in later life and so to quote that "out of every storm will come a rainbow".

Keep yourselves and your families safe in the coming weeks and please don't feel as though you have to face this alone. If there is anything that you need, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Dos and Don'ts for Home Learning.

Dos

- * Turn up for lessons on time!
- * Turn your microphone on if you have one, but your teacher may ask you to mute so that everyone can hear - please DON'T mute other people, including the teachers!
- * Remember that if your microphone is switched on, everyone can hear into your home!
- * Be respectful with the language used in the lesson.
- * Dress appropriately and remember that if your camera is switched on, others can see whatever is in the background!
- * Have lesson materials ready e.g. pen, paper, ruler, pencil etc.
- * Keep the chat conversation about learning only!

Don'ts

- * Talk over the teacher or other pupils. If you have a question, wait for an appropriate time or use the chat function to ask the teacher a question.



Free School Meals

We are pleased to inform you that the Government have confirmed their Supermarket Voucher Scheme. This will start again from the 18th January with a value of £15.00 per child per week. An application of £45.00 per child will be submitted on your behalf to cover the first three weeks of term. Vouchers will then be ordered for you weekly. We will write to you on Monday to confirm the vouchers have been ordered, and to give you details on how to access them.

Lockdown Expectations

Please can we remind you all about the restrictions and expectations during the lockdown.

There must be no mixing of households indoors with the exceptions of support or childcare bubbles which must stay the same once formed. Further information on all lockdown restrictions and what this means for you can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Blue Peter

Blue Peter have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](#) at CBBC to provide entertainment outside of home-schooling hours now we're in lockdown.



Blue Peter is the longest running children's TV show in the world and they are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking 'how to's', celebrity appearances, and music performances.

It also features ways of getting a Blue Peter badge! If your child would be interested in this, you can subscribe (completely free!) to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>. Don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

STARS OF THE WEEK!



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| Phase 1 Earth | Sofija, for great work during the live lessons |
| Phase 1 Water | Daniel, for great participation during live lessons |
| Phase 2 Air | Riley D, for amazing effort and adaptation to online learning |
| Phase 2 Earth | Abelley, for brilliant engagement and enthusiasm with online learning |
| Phase 2 Water | Rioco, for participating so well in all her online learning and work |
| Phase 3 Earth | Edie, for excellent effort and focus in all online lessons |
| Phase 3 Water | Jack, for being prepared and ready for all his lessons and completing all the tasks |
| Mrs Chambers | Lucus, for perseverance skills with clock work in maths and great work in phonics |
| Mrs Darley | Reneice for amazing independent learning |
| Mrs Brindley | James, for his high levels of engagement in remote lessons and focus in class |

Attendance/Engagement in Home Learning.

Just a reminder that home learning is not optional during this lockdown. All pupils are expected to attend lessons and complete the work set. This week, we have had an impressive 92% of Phase 2 and 95% of Phase 3 pupils engaging in remote learning. Pupils who have been unable to join have been contacted and offered support.

Phase 1 needs some improvement but are continuing to complete their home-learning packs. If you are struggling to access online learning, particularly phonics and may need to borrow a laptop, please do let us know as we may be able to help.