



Newsletter **January 2021**

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday and had a restful and relaxing time at home with your families.

The announcement on 4th January that we were entering another National Lockdown and that schools were closing to all but vulnerable children and children of keyworkers, was a shock to us all. Fortunately, all the preparations we had done before Christmas meant that we were able to switch to remote learning at very short notice.

Staff across all 3 schools worked together to support each other in preparing for the change and despite it being a very busy and stressful few days they managed to make it work. All children now have access to remote or classroom learning everyday.

It is still early days, and we are all learning as we are going along. I am sure Remote Learning will continue to develop and improve as the weeks go by.

None of this would be possible of course without the support of our families. You have been amazing. We understand what a difficult job many of you have at the moment, trying to juggle your own work with home learning and we appreciate everything you are doing to support your children's education.

There will be days when things do not always go to plan, maybe a link just doesn't work, or you can't log on etc. Please don't worry. Just let us know and we will do our best to solve the problem.

It is a difficult time for everyone and if we remember to show each other patience and kindness, we will help get each other through the days and weeks ahead.

School Lunches

Just a reminder to parents that there are no hot dinners, but a school packed lunch can be ordered by clicking on the link below to open up the form to select your child/rens' choice of school sandwich. You need to do one form per child. **THIS IS INSTEAD OF BOOKING VIA PARENTPAY.** This is a 5-day packed lunch menu, which will repeat weekly. You are booking a meal pattern which will repeat throughout the duration of the lockdown period, so you only need to book once,

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and those bookings will be repeated every week. This will enable us to plan kitchen stock and staffing.

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Free School Meals

In line with Government guidance, Free School Meal vouchers will be issued to eligible pupils who are at home remote learning during this current lockdown. If any parent thinks they may now be eligible for income-related Free School Meals, please contact the office so we can check. Those eligible will be contacted separately by the office to explain how the scheme works.

School Nurse

School Nurse Service If you have concerns about your child regarding their behaviour, sleep, continence, diet, emotional wellbeing etc, you may contact the NHS Leicestershire Partnership 'Healthy Together' school nurse team on 07520 615381.

Dressing for the Weather

At this time of year, the weather can be cold but lovely and sunny, or cold and very rainy, as you can see from these photos taken only two days apart!



Please make sure that your children are wearing enough warm clothes including a warm waterproof coat, hat, gloves and suitable footwear. We will be outside for playtimes and outdoor learning every day where possible, and as set out in the government recommendations windows in classrooms will be open to ensure we get enough circulation throughout the school building.

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This New Year has not been like any we have experienced before. However, it is definitely a time to look forward to better days. Springtime and the Vaccines are just around the corner. Wishing everyone in our school community a very Happy, Safe and Peaceful New Year.

We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please when giving your child a packed lunch could you ensure there are no nut products in the lunch box. Many thanks.

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