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Monday 11th January 2021,

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

We hope you are all keeping safe and well during these difficult times. Once again, we found ourselves having to respond quickly to ever-changing Government guidance and have tried to make things as easy as possible for children and parents. We would like to say a huge thank you for all your support, patience and understanding last week as we began to adapt to new ways of working. Please see information below regarding the recent changes in school:

School places for Key Worker children

You will have seen in the news that there has been much discussion about the criteria for Key Worker school places. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all Key Worker parents who have worked with their employers to reduce the amount of time their child needs to access the school provision, your support is hugely appreciated.

As part of the national effort to reduce transmission of the virus by minimising contacts between households, we would ask that you only take up the offer of a Key Worker school place as a last resort; if you have no alternative and are not able to work from home. This may mean that your child only attends on certain days depending on your work pattern.

Information for the parent/carer(s) of children who are in school

- When coming on to school premises, please can we ask that all adults wear a face covering.
- Children should wear full school uniform. As we are having to ensure rooms are well-ventilated, the children may bring an extra warm jumper or top to wear in the classroom.
- We are hoping to move back to hot school dinners which children will eat in the Dining Hall. If you would like your child to start having a school meal, please contact the School Office. Further information will follow.
- Please notify school if your child is not able to attend school on one of their allocated days.
- To ensure equity for all, and in line with Government guidance, we will be running the same curriculum for the children in school as those working from home.

Information for the parent/carer(s) of children working from home

- We understand that the Government will be providing vouchers for Free School Meals. Until we receive further information, if your child is entitled to Free School Meals, and you would like to receive a grab bag lunch, please contact the School Office as soon as possible. These will need to be collected daily.
- If you encounter any difficulties while your child/ren are not in school, please don't hesitate to contact school.

Remote Learning

You should now have your child/ren's log in details for Microsoft Teams. Thank you for your support as we establish this new way of working – we are doing our best to iron out any initial teething problems.

- We are currently offering a Maths, English, Guided Reading/Phonics and 1 other subject lesson daily. This quantity follows Government guidance and may increase slightly for children in Key Stage Two.



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- Over the next few weeks we will endeavour to provide a broad range of subjects and styles of learning. We are also building up to offer more 'live' teaching – this will begin this week with a session for children to check in with their teacher and each other to see how things are going and a live streamed singing assembly for Key Stage Two on Friday.
- Each teacher is providing a class timetable for the upcoming week to allow you to organise the availability of devices. Please look out for the post within the Teams page – it will also be added to the "files" tab.
- The posts section within the class Team is there for you to ask the teacher questions. The teachers will be available to respond to your queries between **8.00am and 4.00pm Monday-Friday**. However, in the case of an emergency, please contact school or email a.c.d.todhunter@danebank.tameside.sch.uk
- When children have completed tasks, they should submit it to be marked by pressing the "turn in" button on the right hand side. If your child has chosen to work on paper, please attach a photo of the work and submit it in the same manner. Teachers will provide individual feedback for work when it is handed in on the day it is set, or on the following day. Work completed after this point can still be submitted but may not be returned with individual feedback.
- We are monitoring the work submitted in school to identify children who have not yet managed to view/turn in work. We will contact those parents in the following week or so to provide any additional support.
- We are aware that supporting your children with remote learning can be challenging and is very new to most of us. The most important thing is the wellbeing of our children and their families and so please remember, just do your best with it and know that we are always here to listen and help. This way of learning can be extremely tiring, so please ensure the children have regular breaks and if they are finding the quantity of work too much, let the Class Teacher know.

Statutory Primary Assessments

As you may have seen in the media, all statutory primary assessments for this academic year have been cancelled nationally. The following assessments will not take place this year:

- Year 6 SATs
- Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Year 2 SATs
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Reception Baseline

Please be assured that your child's progress will continue to be monitored through rigorous teacher assessments and this will be reported to you as normal.

Once again, thank you for all you are doing and we wish you well.

Kindest Regards,

Alicia Todhunter
Headteacher

