



COVID-19
Coronavirus

Covid National Lockdown Update

Tuesday 3pm 5th January 2021

School Work

- A reminder that Y1-6 have workbooks which they have been using since September for homework, they were given out last summer - not all work will be online. Ash, Cedar, Elm and Willow have also been given fiction books.
- Logging onto Google Classroom (GC) each day at 9am is to access work for the day (some of which will be on and offline) and for teachers to help.
- There will be continuity throughout the school - using workbooks, information posted on GC as well as class Twitter feeds but how the work is delivered will vary according to each class due the ages of the children.

Communication

For the period of the lockdown, we have teacher Google email accounts. Please use these considerately. Remember teachers will be organising their own families, teaching in school and online - please log into GC and only contact them when you have specific needs. This will be a useful way to contact the teacher if you are experiencing technical difficulties too as well as to engage with the teacher regarding the type/amount of work as well as support your child may need. Please do not request any ICT equipment, if your child is entitled, we will get in touch with you.

Contacts for the duration of lockdown

Email accounts will be checked once each school day between 8am - 5pm not on evenings/weekends. Please use these accounts only when needed, a polite reminder to consider the workload of staff.

Ash: Adele.Sanford@Highhamprimary.co.uk

Cedar: Karen.Evans@Highhamprimary.co.uk

Elm: Amy.Palmer@Highhamprimary.co.uk

Maple: Elinor.McElwaine@Highhamprimary.co.uk

Oak: Mel.Peach@Highhamprimary.co.uk (Mon, Tue and Wed) and Tom.Briggs@Highhamprimary.co.uk (Thur and Fri)

Willow: Ann.Edwards@Highhamprimary.co.uk

School office: office@highham.somerset.sch.uk

Head: Jane.Rosser@highhamprimary.co.UK

Free School Meals

Parents will be contacted individually by Mrs Stewart.

Social Media

I am sure we are all aware of the usefulness of social media but are also aware of the upset it can cause. Please can I politely remind everyone to be considerate when posting online and not reproduce copies of school information. Any queries/concerns you have get in contact with the class teacher via email, they are happy to help. We will all be missing seeing all the children each day and want to help the best we can. If we continue to work together we can support the children so they remember with fondness their lockdown experiences when it becomes part of their personal history, as well as future generations history lessons. Above everything we want the children to be happy and healthy. Please do your best with the school work, don't worry about it, just ask for help/support/guidance from your class teacher.

Please make use of the support helplines that have been given out. We appreciate it is a difficult time for everyone. Let's continue to work together and we all look forward to being back together soon.

Key Workers

If you did not register on Monday evening, the form remains open today. After that please contact the school office to book a place should your working role change.

Vulnerable Pupils

As well as the children who attended last time, we will be contacting some more families today.

Homework

Weekly homework will now be paused until we are all back in school, however some of the usual homework tasks may be incorporated within the daily lessons. We do however have an exciting new Whole School Challenge starting this week that you may like to take part in.

Children at school

Attendance: KW/VP If you have a place booked and are not coming in, please leave a message on the school answer machine (as before) - do not contact teachers directly.

Things to bring: Each day wear school uniform unless told otherwise, bring a drink, snack, reading book/record and your lunch as well as suitable outdoor clothing and wear nice warm layers.

Childcare: (Breakfast Club and HHMM): Due to staffing, it will not be running until the lockdown finishes and schools fully reopen.

Homework CGP Books: Please bring these in and leave in school as they will be used as part of your lessons as the children at home will also be using their copies.

Maths Daily Workbooks/Pencil Cases/Reading Books

This week if you wish to collect pencil cases they will be out the front of the school in class boxes on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and there will also be a selection of reading books outside. We will also put the daily maths workbooks outside, these are the books that the children write in during each maths lesson. If you use these, it will save you printing anything off and give them a break from online work whilst also ensuring they are not missing work that the children in school will be doing.

You do not need to come and collect anything but the opportunity is there, should you wish. With regards reading books this will be one opportunity to take a handful – please do not forget to bring them back once lockdown is over.

Please take it one day at a time

Keep an eye on the school twitter feed regarding any National updates. Everything you need will be on GC and reminders on your class twitter feed. We can be flexible, there is no need to panic, please just do the best you can with the home learning, we know everyone will be in a different position. Good luck.



Somerset's Local Authorities
Coronavirus support helpline
0300 790 6275

Available 8am to 6pm, seven days a week

A single number is now available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus related support from Somerset's Local Authorities. Anyone who can't find help within their community can use the helpline to get help and advice surrounding:

- Emotional support if you're feeling worried or anxious
- Financial support
- Personal care and support including food and delivery of prescriptions
- Housing and support for the homeless
- Social Care or Medical transport needs
- Waste collection and disposal
- Employment, skills and business advice

     

How do I contact the school if we have a positive Covid test?

Even if your child is working from home, it is really important for the next six days that you still do this. A reminder of who to contact.

- School term time (8.30am – 3.45pm when the office is open) via phone (**01458 250735**).
- Out of hours (including weekends/holidays/evenings) please email our Covid account: **highhamcovidresults@educ.somerset.gov.uk** (This is open 24/7 and monitored throughout the day).

NB: Please keep an eye on Twitter for any future changes.