



Warren Wood Primary Academy (Inclusive Provision for Language Needs)



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Dear Parents and Carers

Update Letter – 22nd January

I cannot believe that we are now half way through the term and nearing the end of January. I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

We are delighted that most children are now attending live lessons and completing the assignments which have been set by the teachers. It is really important that the children continue with their learning so they continue with the excellent progress they made in the Autumn term. We have such a lot on offer for them: 3 live lessons per day (these are recorded and so can be watched again or watched at a later time) and assignments to complete. The lessons and assignments are on Teams and these are certainly what the children should be engaging with to meet the government expectations for learning during lockdown. Additionally, we have other online resources such as Pixl Unlock, Accelerated Reader, Times Table Rockstars and Bug Books.

We fully recognise that some children and parents are finding the technology side of home learning tricky. For this reason, we will be starting a dedicated help line for our parents and pupils to access if support is needed with teams. Hopefully, we will have numbers and details for you early next week with more information about this service.

Free School Meals (FSM) – thank you so much for your patience with these. At the start of this academic year, schools were expected to use their catering companies to make up food parcels; however, we can now use the voucher system once again. If you are eligible for these, the office have made contact with you and have sent lots of information about these. You should have received these but you need to check your emails including spam and junk. If you think you may be eligible for means tested Free School Meals, please visit the following link where you can make an online application: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/medway/>.

As you are fully aware, education guidelines constantly change at the moment and we will continue to update you with information as soon as we know. At the moment, we don't know if we are expected to be open for key worker and vulnerable children over half term or what will happen about free school meals in this period. Through our phone calls with you, the big question many of you ask is when will schools re-open? Unfortunately, at the moment, we just don't know! We can only follow the guidance and ensure that as far as possible, children are staying at home.



Just to make you aware, staff will be regularly taking Covid tests themselves, in line with latest policy. This could potentially affect the parents of our key worker and vulnerable children who are currently in school if bubble closures are required at very short notice. We will, of course, do our best to communicate everything as soon as we can, with our focus on safety first.

Thank you so much for the positive messages we have received from parents, they really are appreciated. We also love seeing your photos of children's learning at home.

Please remember, if you need any help or support, please let us know. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes

Hardie

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Headteacher

