

Dear parents / carers,

As you are aware, the announcement came quite unexpectedly, after preparing for teaching in school. This has meant that we have had to quickly change and adapt this half term's planning to suit online learning. This lockdown will be different to the March lockdown in that children will be required to participate in learning daily.

Every morning (at 9am) and every afternoon (at 1pm) we will take an online register via **Teams**. This will give us chance to chat to the children and explain their learning for the day. Teachers will also upload videos and slides to help your child with their work.

Please be assured that your child will receive work **daily** to complete at home. This will be set on the **class blog**. As you can see from the timetable on the blog, we are aiming for three sessions per day. There will always be a Literacy task - this will include, reading, writing, grammar, punctuation or spelling. Maths will be set daily, which will include a recap activity (5-minute maths) and a new piece of learning. This will be in the format of varied fluency, reasoning and problem solving following the style that we use in school. The minimum expectations for maths is that the varied fluency activities are completed by each child. If your child wishes to challenge themselves further, they can complete the reasoning and problem solving questions.

Every afternoon, will have a different focus that is related to the wider curriculum. There will be an allocated slot for P.E. which is to encourage children to be active. This could include walking, cycling, playing football in the garden, Joe Wicks workouts, Just Dance, Freddy Fit or any other physical activity. Of course, we encourage the children to be active every day.

Children of key workers, who are in school, will access exactly the same learning as their peers at home. These children will need to come to school in their school uniform and a bring a P.E. kit for the week.

Many of you have picked up packs and exercise books from school for the children to work in. These will still be available to collect from school until **Friday 8th January**. If you have any difficulties calling in, please contact us and we will arrange something for you. It would be lovely if your child could email or upload examples of their work to the blog that they are proud of for us to see. Please restrict this to one piece of work a week.

If you, or your child, have queries about their learning, please email us on the following emails:

Year 5: a.bennett@birdwellprimary.org.uk

<https://birdwellyear5.edublogs.org/>

Year 6: t.rees@birdwellprimary.org.uk

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We will miss seeing all of the children in school each day and hope that everyone stays safe and well at home.

From your UKS2 team,

Mrs Rees, Mr Bennett and Miss Buckley.