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Principal Mrs Valerie Rose



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Holiday Dates 2020/2021

NON PUPIL DAYS

Friday 12th February

Monday 5th July

February Half Term:

Pupils Finish: Thur 11th Feb

Pupils Return: Mon 22nd Feb

Easter Break

Pupils Finish: Fri 26th March

Pupils Return: Mon 12th April

May Bank Holiday

3rd May

May Half Term:

Pupils Finish: Fri 28th May

Pupils Return: Mon 7th June

Summer Break:

Pupils Finish Tues 20th July

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform and book bags are available to purchase online at:

www.theschooluniformspecialists.com Code is RAV501

Dear Parent/Carer

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first lockdown newsletter of 2021. We realise that this is a really worrying time for everyone but just because we cannot be in the same physical space doesn't mean we can't still support each other, and it is needed now more than ever.

The situation of social distancing and lockdown are proving challenging and I have full sympathy and admiration for all of you having to do this with young children who may struggle to understand what is going on.

Remember that what you are doing plays a very important part in reducing infection and saving lives.

I have attached some information about our online learning offer. As you will know, advice for schools about the rapidly changing situation is coming out daily so as a school and a community we need to be flexible and adapt our offer as the guidance changes.

The following email concerns@ravensacademy.attrust.org.uk

remains available to you if you need answers to any questions, or help and support of any kind during this time.

In the meantime, stay inside and stay safe. We will get through this together.

Mrs V Rose
Principal

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education during the current lockdown.

What is expected for whole class remote learning?

- For children who are learning at home, lessons will be provided via Zoom. This will follow the normal class timetable as closely as possible.
- Other activities will for now be set through Dojo, although we are looking for a program which would be more accessible for children at home.
- These activities may be direct your child to a website or to practice times tables etc.
- Please ensure you feedback on these activities with comments, screen shots or pictures of work where you can.
- Teachers are online throughout the school working day to respond to work and messages.
- Weekly phone calls to check in with children who are struggling to engage or are absent from Zoom meetings will take place.

Will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

- We will teach the same curriculum through Zoom as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate.
- We have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, where practical learning tasks would not be possible at home, or where it is not possible to share resources online.
- All teachers will have PPA on a Wednesday afternoon so there won't be online teaching during that time. Children will be provided with work to complete during this time.

How much time should be spent on remote learning each day?

- We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the usual number of hours that they would be in school each day:
- This will be less for children in Reception classes.

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

We would ask parents to support their children by:

- Providing a quiet place to work
- Checking what work they have been asked to do and checking that the child has completed it
- Supporting the child with learning where they are having any issues
- Contacting the teacher for further support where needed.
- Supporting the child in joining the Zoom meetings

Throughout the day teachers will be checking all platforms and engaging with misconceptions or if children are struggling with certain elements of the work set. They will be available throughout the working school day to respond to work and messages

We have provided the following to support learning at home

- A pack containing stationery and resources to support your child's learning at home.
- Links to various websites
- Children who are unable to access online learning at home, have been offered a place in school.