

NETHERFIELD

PRIMARY SCHOOL

8 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

General Update

As you will be aware there have been a series of clarifications and announcements from Central Government this week. I thought it would make sense for me to outline where we actually are with these to keep everyone informed as much as possible.

For all communication, email is best through office5@netherfieldprimarschool.com as we are operating a skeleton staff to reduce the risk of infection in the school and across the whole community.

FSM Voucher / Food Parcels

Although the Government has announced this, there is no platform or way for the school to currently order vouchers. I would speculate that we will return to the Edenred system (from previous lockdowns), however as soon as we have more news we will write to let you know. It would be worthwhile making sure your contact details (including your email) is correct on the school system.

Get Help with Technology

Again, I am afraid another announcement that is yet to be open for primary schools. Our Trust orders our mini laptops, and we cannot access the system until next Friday at the earliest. To give you an indication, our total allocation through lockdown one was 11, however we are not waiting to support your children. If you have technology problems / issues, then please email office5@netherfieldprimarschool.com and we will do our very best to support. We began this process on Tuesday with Year 6 and would now like to see how we can help the rest of our children.

The same principle can be applied to the 'get help with your data' provision. This is only available to pilot schools, so we have attempted to register for this and await further news.

BBC TV

The BBC will be showing curriculum-based programmes on TV from Monday, primary programmes will be shown on CBBC from 9am and will include live lessons, Bitesize Daily and the fantastic Horrible Histories. Do not forget Joe Wicks returns as well this week, a sterling effort to keep us all moving and shaking.

Blended Learning

Whilst Class Dojo remains our biggest platform for learning, we are trying to continually improve our provision throughout Lockdown 3. We are trialling some online live lessons with Year 6 next week and we have created work packs to go alongside learning in years F2 to Year 3. We have not forgotten about Year 4 and Year 5. Our hope is that live lessons will spread to these year groups as we become comfortable with the delivery. **I must ask that all parents engage with DOJO, it will be hugely important for your children that they continue their work through this period.** One thing we learnt from the last lockdown is that parents did a fantastic job with reading and we need to do more with maths so we have slanted our provision to reflect this.

Learning packs will be available from outside main reception from Monday. When you are taking your family exercise, please feel free to pop by school reception and pick up a work pack for your child in Foundation 2, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3. Please ensure you wear a mask when entering the building.

F1 and 2 Year Olds

Differing from the last two lockdowns, Central Government has decided that children accessing our 2 year old and F1 provision should return, so we look forward to welcoming these children from Monday 11 January.

End of Key Stage Tests

Usually there would be end of key stage assessments in Year 6 and Year 2. These have been cancelled by Government this year. This doesn't impact pupils directly as we will still be working our hardest to prepare children for the next stage of their education.

Thank You

Finally and most importantly, thank you for your continued support. The uptake on Class Dojo is at its highest yet, comments from parents and children are positive and uplifting and we sincerely hope you and your families remain safe. If there is anything you need help with, please do not hesitate to contact us through office5@netherfieldprimaryschool.com.

Yours sincerely



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