

31st December 2020

Dear Kingfisher Families,

We hope you are all well and that you all managed to stay safe and well over the Christmas period. As I am sure you are now aware, the government announced yesterday that all Primary Schools and Early Years Settings in Medway will open fully on **Monday 18th January** instead of **Tuesday 5th January**. This means that we will assume **Remote Learning** for all year groups from **Tuesday 5th January until their return to school on Monday 18th January**. This return date may change, and we will keep you informed as soon as we are given more information.

Children who can attend school as usual

The school will be open, as usual, from **Tuesday 5 January**, for the following groups of children:

- Children of keyworkers/critical workers
- Children with an EHCP
- Children who have been offered support by the school for a number of other reasons

If you feel your child is a member of any of the above groups and you would like them to attend as usual, please complete the Google Form that is being sent out today for Key Workers, or contact the school office via email before Monday 4th January at **9am** at office@kingfisher.medway.sch.uk. Please be mindful that the government guidance is currently that if your child can be cared for at home, then that is the preferred place for them to be.

Breakfast Club will unfortunately **not** be available for these children during this time. Children are expected to attend school in their usual uniform and lunches will be provided where required.

The office will be open as usual for telephone queries on Monday 4th January on 01634 661540.

If you have concerns about your child accessing remote learning, or any other concerns about your child not attending school till Monday 18th January, please email the school office on office@kingfisher.medway.sch.uk or call the office on Monday on: 01634 661540.

We know that this news might cause some concern for families and want to ensure you that we are committed to doing all we can to support you and the children during this time so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Remote Learning

It is important to us that we provide all our children with high quality remote learning and it is also important that we provide a range of ways for you to access this learning. Many of you are working from home and we understand the challenges around that.

Your child's class teacher will contact you with a weekly overview which will keep you informed of all the learning taking place and the different ways that you can access it. They will also provide you with regular information via Edmodo and our text message service that includes all the Zoom links.

All the information for each Year Group will be emailed to you directly, as well as posted on Edmodo under each specific Year Group. Your child can access learning in a variety of ways at Kingfisher:

- Daily face to face lessons with their teachers via Zoom. Here, they will also get the opportunity to see their classmates too!
- All learning is uploaded onto our Home Learning Site, Edmodo- so you can access the lesson content at any time.
- Paper packs for all those who would prefer paper- based learning.

Your child's class teacher will contact you on **Monday 4th January** and will provide you with all the information you need regarding remote learning. We will also contact you when packs are ready for collection as we will need to ensure this is done in the safest way possible.

We hope this letter has answered any questions you might have and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us from Monday if you have any questions at all.

Kind regards

Ms Sara Gascoigne
Head of School