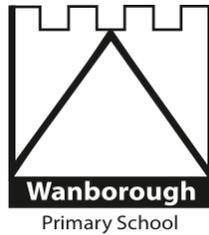


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Dear Parents

Please don't worry – there will not be a daily letter, but I'm aware communication is key and I promise to keep the letters as concise and informative as possible!

The plan for this lockdown is to produce a Friday update to parents as we did last year. I will also send a video message to the children through Teams to give them a short update too. If there are any major developments of course this may change.

We will use our messaging systems as usual. Apologies for the problems on Monday evening – a text was sent at 8:20pm to inform you of an email/letter arriving shortly, with the letter and forms then attempted to be sent at 9.00pm however 'teachers2parents' crashed and these never reached you. May I express my thanks to all the Governors and parents who assisted in alerting parents that the school website would have the letters. As the DfE guidance came out at 10:53pm that night I think we did well even with the problems encountered!

With the great team we have here, we managed to start remote learning yesterday and accommodate children of key workers from 9.00am. Hopefully any teething problems will be sorted out by the end of the week and routines are quickly established. Teachers will be informing me of engagement they are receiving - every child is expected to be accessing the work and completing it to the best of their ability and circumstances. Work will be on the OneDrive for 8.00am each day – and often on the night before.

In school, we have three bubbles now in operation. Reception/Year 1, Years 2-4 and Years 5/6. These teams are staffed on a rota system by Teachers and TA's to ensure there is appropriate supervision. Teachers will not be with bubbles for 3 days a week to allow them to deliver the remote learning effectively, and on the 2 days that they are in the classroom they will be supported by TA's to allow them opportunities to keep the interaction with their classes as best as possible.

Once again, I'd like to thank everybody for their kind words and support. Resilience is a key value within the school - if ever there was a test of this, it is now, but I have every confidence we can once again all rise to the challenge.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Drury
Headteacher

