



Bude Primary Academy

Head of School – Mrs Sarah Robinson

Friday 15th January 2021

Firstly, we must say a huge well done to everyone at home and in school for all their hard work this week. I am aware some parents are finding home learning incredibly stressful and I ask that you talk to us about this so we can offer support and reassurance. There is a lot in the media about expectations, but you know your child and family circumstances best. Do what you can, when you can. We are here to listen and advise. If there is something more we can do/or not do, please let us know. Otherwise enjoy some family time together – it is so precious.

Home learning

Please visit our home learning page on the website if you are having difficulties logging on. There is also information on this page which explains what is available each day and throughout the week. You will also find a link through which you can request a mobile data allowance increase from your internet provider to support online learning. <https://www.budeprimary.org/web>

TEAMS online lessons

In order to support with our home learning offer we are going to be engaging with pupils at home through some live TEAMS sessions. TEAMS allows us to send a link to you as parents through google classroom, which you then click on at the scheduled time, linking you and your child into a live call with your child's teacher, TA, and class mates.

We will be trialling this with small groups this week. Your child's teacher will contact you if you are part of this. We then plan to extend this the following week should this prove successful. The sessions will be between 10 and 15 minutes and take the form of an in school circle time with a focus on sharing our news and the things we are doing well with and anything we are finding tricky.

We feel this face to face link is really important to maintain contact for the children with each other and staff. We feel this will support everyone's wellbeing and remind us we are all there for each other. These sessions are completely optional and we will be asking for your feedback and views on this.

Any live interaction using video calling has safeguarding implications and rules for keeping everyone safe must be followed. Parents please read the safeguarding guide attached with this letter before joining a TEAMS call with your child's teacher and ensure you have all of the things in place at home to ensure safeguarding protocol is followed. These sessions must not be recorded or photographed.

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Thank you in advance for your support with this. This is new to us all so please continue to be as supportive and patient as you can if technical issues occur. Teachers and support staff are working so hard at trying to find ways of keeping everyone involved.

Devices

Mrs Smeeth has tried to contact all those who submitted a response to the online questionnaire we sent out last week. If you have not submitted a response or need the questionnaire resending to you, please let the office know. We are expecting some devices into school next week and will be distributing them to those who have no access or very restricted access to the home learning first.

Assemblies

There will be a recorded assembly every Monday and a recorded celebration assembly every Friday (this way you can watch them at any time of the day). Please look out for these on Google classroom. They will also be posted on our website. Again, this is very new, and I will make mistakes along the way. One recording took me 5 attempts!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open for our vulnerable and key worker children. Please can we ask that any children accessing Breakfast Club wear a mask coming into school.

School Meals

Due to the small number of children being catered for, the menu will be devised on a week by week basis. Next week (based on week 2) will be as follows:

Monday – All Day Breakfast or Veggie All Day Breakfast

Tuesday – Mince Beef Pasta Bake or Veggie Pasta Bake

Wednesday – Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast

Thursday – Chicken Korma or Cauliflower Jalfrazi

Friday – Fishcake & chips or Beany Wrap & Chips

The option of a Jacket Potato with cheese/beans/tuna is also available every day.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Vouchers will be backdated and sent to you via Wonde for this week. From next week, we will be able to start issuing vouchers from school via Eden Red as we did back in

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March. Please respond to the email sent out yesterday to confirm we have the correct email address for you and which parent you wish the vouchers to be sent to.

Reminders from the office:

- Please can you clear any outstanding Parent Pay debts from last term.
- Please check you can access your child's details via the Arbor app and update any medical/contact details.

Stay Safe – keep learning

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