



Friday 8th January, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Thank you for your speedy and positive response to the online learning which staff have begun to provide for your child (ren.)

As I am sure you are now aware the directive from the government is that the online provision we have to provide for your child must be purposeful, promote progress and provide feedback regarding how they are doing. I believe this is now in place. This is varying in format depending on your personal circumstances and staff have been directed to ensure all children can and are completing learning at home. The staff at Kingsfield First do not underestimate how extremely difficult home schooling is, therefore I urge you to communicate with them if you have any problems and we will do our very best to help and support you. The learning we provide is not optional and we hope you understand that this is to prevent further gaps forming in terms of pupil knowledge and ability across our school.

PLEASE NOTE, you only need to complete the one challenge in each subject area, for example in maths there might be three challenge groups, your child only completes the challenge relevant to them, not all three challenges. In the home school links book you will find a sticker indicating which challenge group your child should access. So in a typical day, you may complete, one English piece, one maths, one phonics, one topic and then go on to reading planet/Oxford Owls, TT rock stars etc

Teachers are not on the key worker (in school provision) rota as their priority is to plan and provide learning opportunities for all of our children. This method of teaching is new to us too and we are getting to grips to delivering learning using this remote method, so please bear with us. I will be meeting weekly with each teacher to gain an update on work quality, pupil engagement and any barriers to learning our families may be facing. We are doing our best to ensure access to learning for all pupils is successful.

Laptops

The government have made huge promises regarding laptops for pupils. In reality this is not what it may first seem. The laptops have not yet been provided and in fact we cannot even order them. We have been allocated 9 which can only be provided to our most vulnerable children, of which our school has over 60. We have some devices in school but again due to the limited availability we can only support identified pupils at this point.



Accessing Teams via a Play station or Xbox

You can access Teams via the above consoles- guidance on how to do this has been put in our COVID area and is also attached to this email.

Free internet data

If your child is, or has been in receipt of free school meals, then you may be able to benefit from free increases to you mobile data if you are a customer of either:

- EE
- Three
- Sky Mobile
- SMARTY
- Tesco Mobile
- Virgin Mobile

If you think this might be something you require and are eligible for, we will assist in completing the application for you- please just let us know by calling us on 01782 973800 or emailing admin@kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk.

Alternately we have some sim card with free data that we can distribute on request. Please contact us if this is required.

Free School Meals

We are still awaiting guidance on how we will provide meals to children who are in receipt of free school meals and who are currently home learning. Once we know more we will set this up immediately. Meanwhile we can make referrals to the local food bank so please contact us if you need any support by calling us on 01782 973800 or by emailing admin@kingsfield.staffs.sch.uk.

As in the previous lockdown this is new territory for us all, demand for in school provision is at full capacity and demands on our staff are higher than ever. We are reflecting and learning every day! If you have any feedback regarding the home learning being provided please let us know, this will help to keep us all motivated and working closely with you.

Best wishes,

Mrs R. Butler
Headteacher