

NEWSLETTER



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Spring Term—Week 2

We have reached the end of our first full week of remote education, with children learning from home or as part of our provision in school. I'd like to say a huge thank you for your support, understanding and kind words this week. I know staff have appreciated this all week as they have worked with children and families to ensure quality learning opportunities are occurring. The children are showing a great deal of resilience in tackling learning in a different environment and we think they are coping wonderfully!

Our provision in school has fallen into a routine, with many more children in school than in the previous lockdown. We have approximately 70 more children in school each day in comparison to the previous lockdown and support staff are doing a super job in facilitating the learning in classrooms.

You will find a link to a feedback form contained in the Parentmail this newsletter was attached to. If you could spare a few minutes over the next few days to give us some feedback on our remote learning provision to help continue to tailor it to support children and families.

A huge thank you to all members of the community who have given spare devices which have been reset and offered to our families to help with accessing remote learning. It has provided a great resource. Additional devices have been ordered for school, but we are experiencing a delay in activating them to lend out. As soon as they are ready, we will let you know.

I'd also like to praise and thank the team at Kinver High who have offered staff weekly rapid tests in the programme they have set up. We are forging stronger links with the school and we can't wait to develop them further when restrictions are lifted.

Please remember, we are on hand to support children and families. Please make contact with school if you need help, advice, reassurance or clarification via the year group e-mails.

Take care and stay safe.



Food Hampers

Food hampers for children eligible for free school meals can be collected from Mrs James on Tuesdays each week. If you are unsure as to whether you would qualify for free school meals, please get in touch with us.



Feedback on learning

Thank you for your ongoing support! From Monday, feedback will need to be uploaded onto TEAMS via the folder. We are on hand to provide any technical support - just get in contact with your class teacher.

Support packs of work

If your child has received a specific pack of work to meet their needs, please collect them from the school office on Monday. If you need any further support or clarification, please get in contact with Mrs Lesniewski via inclusion@brindleyacademy.com.

Communication principles

During these times where communication is key and sometimes frustrations arise, we have devised key communication principles which can be found on the website under the parent section.



The principles are:

- All stakeholders have the right to feel safe and respected through all communication.
- Communication should be timely, with school aiming to respond by the next working day to parent queries or questions.
- Communication should be within professional boundaries and appropriately timed.
- A clear procedure is in place to raise concerns and complaints.
- Phone communication is often the most effective tool rather than lengthy e-mails. Stakeholders will seek the most efficient form of communication.

School will endeavour to uphold these principles through clear expectations with all members of staff through training and regular reminders, such as ensuring that external e-mail communication ceases shortly after the working day.

More details can be found on our website.