

Prince Albert Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our January newsletter.

Well it seems like a very long time ago since we last saw our pupils and their families and we are missing you all very much. I'd just like to say thankyou for the supportive feedback we have received, it means a lot to our staff and senior leaders.

Thankyou for your patience as we navigate our way through this difficult time. Staff are becoming more proficient and confident in the use of TEAMS and online teaching as the days progress. We are reviewing our remote learning package weekly and striving to make it the best that we possibly can. Our current offer is on the website and can be accessed via this link: [remote learning plan](#).

The majority of staff are working from home and are available during their normal working hours. Their main focus is on remote learning and communicating with pupils and their families via email, TEAMS and phone. If you receive a phonecall from a withheld phone number then it is possibly from a member of our staff.

I know the challenges that you face when supporting your child with remote learning at home and want to reassure you that we do not expect you to be teachers. We understand that you are trying your best to support your children with their learning and that is all that we ask of you. It is important to us that you stay safe and well both physically and emotionally at this time.

If you need any further support with your child's learning please email your child's class teacher and they will help you.

Devices:

A lot of our enquiries have been around the loan of devices for remote learning. Unfortunately, we have been allocated 16 iPads in total at Prince Albert. This has meant that we will not be able to help everyone who has asked for a device. We have used the guidance issued by the government to allocate the devices to our families. I am very sorry that we have not been able to provide more devices to our families. However, we have opted for the majority of our lessons to be pre-recorded in order that families that share devices are able to access their child's learning throughout the day. We have also timetabled our live sessions so that they do not clash with other year groups enabling all pupils with one family device to access the session.

We have also sent out a letter informing parents of how to access the schools remote learning via and Xbox One or Playstation 4. I am hoping this will help a large number of our pupils access the learning.

Critical worker provision:

Our 'critical worker' provision is up and running. This is a service for children who fit a very specific criteria. Inline with government guidance providing a place to those children where it is not possible for them to remain at home

We continue to monitor the school closure email address. If you have any questions or queries please use this address.

schoolclosure@princealbert.bham.sch.uk

Please keep safe and check the website for regular updates.

Regards

Miss Davies

Head of School



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