

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents,

Thank you for your patience and understanding today as we have worked tirelessly at school to sift through all of the information and guidance that has been issued since yesterday evening. Our initial priority was to reach out to parents to ascertain the level of need for Key Worker places in school from tomorrow. This process is now well underway and so we are now working with our teaching staff to put together a curriculum which can be delivered to those children accessing from home as well as those in school.

Today, staff have delivered exercise books to all children from Reception-Year 6 (the last few may be delivered in the morning). If you do not receive these please contact the main school office. Each child (Years 1-6) will have two exercise books: a lined book for the completion of written tasks and a square gridded book for the completion of maths work. Children in Reception have an exercise book and a folder with activity sheets.

These exercise books should be kept at home even if your child needs to access Key Worker provision in school. Additional exercise books will be used for those children in school.

Initially, we have asked staff to provide activities for the children to complete for the remainder of the week, which will give them time to plan more targeted and supported work going forward. For children in Reception, Years 1 and 2, work will be set via the 'home learning' section of the school website, as was the case during the previous school closure. For children in Years 3-6, children will be set work using a combination of Google Classroom and, where signposted from this, the school website. Children should all know their logins for this and be fully versed in its use. Please direct any log-in queries regarding Google Classroom to Mr Youson ([robert.youson@allsoulsschool.co.uk](mailto:robert.youson@allsoulsschool.co.uk)) who will assist you.

It is our intention for children to continue to make academic progress despite school closures and so the work set this time around will be more rigorous and challenging. Staff will also be keeping a much closer watch on work that children are producing and ensuring that all children engage with the work set. As we begin to establish routines, we will look to include increasing amounts of live taught sessions using Zoom or similar services. We are determined that children, whether completing work at home or in school will have an equal access to learning opportunities, work and support. This will, of course, take a little time to fully achieve and we ask for your patience and support in this.

You will be receiving communication from your child's class teacher by the end of the week which will give further information about the curriculum, routines and expectations next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please contact the main admin office (02476 675836 / [linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk](mailto:linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk)) which remains contactable during the normal hours of the school day. Please refrain from contacting class teachers directly over non-emergency matters for the next few days as their workload has increased significantly.

Thank you again for your continued understanding and support.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Quinn  
Headteacher