

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a new Year...is what I would normally be saying to you but... What a week it has been! Thank you to those of you who have recognised and thanked the school for responding so swiftly to the announcement this week.

We are now able to look ahead to next week and beyond to our learning for those attending school and those at home. Your child will receive a letter from their teacher today. This explains our expectations along with other guidance about what our system of remote learning looks like. Following your positive feedback from our last lockdown we have kept our Chilli Challenge, however, in response to DFE expectations we have been working on improving the level of interaction and feedback along with further inter-active learning platforms.

***Please note that teachers are supporting all children both in school and at home, the frequency of communication will be dependent on their work load and whether your child has been in school.**

The staff have taken time to consider the needs of our children and our locality, as well as what is reasonably possible to deliver within the current situation.

It is difficult not to compare schools and approaches but please rest assured that we are following government guidance and delivering learning that we believe best suits our school community.

Remote learners

Please cancel any school lunches and childcare that you may have booked in advance on [eduspot](#) thank you.

Key worker and vulnerable learners in school

Thank you for booking your children in so far, if your circumstances change please let us know and we will try to accommodate.

Please book both places and lunches via [eduspot](#)

From Monday we are running three bubbles, the staff and children within each bubble remain the same each week. The groups reflect numbers of key worker children and are as follows:

Taw/Codden: Pre-school, Reception and Year 1

Tarka/Barum: Year 2

Saunton/Exmoor: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Staff will not mix between bubbles and children will remain in their zone. Years 3,4,5 and 6 use the top gate, Year 2 bottom gate and Pre-school, reception, Year 1 EY garden gate.

Parents: Please continue to socially distance and wear a mask.

Technology

Although remote learning is not all computer based your child will need access to this, please email families@bishopstawton-primary.org if you are experiencing any problems with accessing technology, let us know the nature of the problem and we will endeavour to help.

Thank you for your continued support and patience, our staff are incredibly busy and are committed to supporting your children. Please help them by following our guides and only making contact as necessary during this challenging time.

Sending best wishes to you and your loved ones

Mrs Smallwood