

5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well that was an interesting and very late announcement last night. I am pleased to say that we were prepared for it and fortunately are in a good position to move smoothly to remote learning and supporting critical worker's/vulnerable children in school from today.

### **Remote learning/platform**

Staff are working hard to plan and upload work on to the platform, as well as supporting groups of children in school. If you have any difficulties accessing the platform or a device, please email the school office and we should be able to help get your child set up.

Additional activities, competitions or links may be emailed to you from subject leaders or posted on Facebook. These are additional to the platform activities but feel free to encourage your child to take part. Please don't feel overwhelmed, pick and choose if you would like to take part or complete them.

### **Critical/Vulnerable children**

A separate letter is being sent to critical / vulnerable children with additional information, so if your child is attending school, please look out for this letter. If you are a critical worker and require your child to attend school, please complete the online form or contact the office.

### **Contacting Teachers**

Teachers can be contacted on their year group emails during working hours and teachers will strive to check these daily. This will depend on whether they are working with children in school. They will reply as soon as they can. Staff will have hopefully had the opportunity to have made contact with all children by phone, by Friday.

Oak Class (Miss Peart) - Use existing email address (Tapestry)

Year One (Miss Hek) - [year.one@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:year.one@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Year Two (Miss Chisman) - [year.two@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:year.two@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Year Three (Mrs Aston) - [year.three@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:year.three@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Year Four (Miss Carruthers) - [year.four@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:year.four@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Year Five (Mrs Marshall) - [year.five@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:year.five@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

Year Six (Mrs Woodhouse) - [year.six@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:year.six@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **Reading books**

We will send home links to online reading books and comprehension activities as part of the remote learning offer. However, it would be really good if children could continue to read as much as possible at home. Any books you have at home would be great to read and share with your child. If you feel you haven't got any suitable books at home, please **email your class teacher by Thursday** and we will put a selection of books together for your child, which can be **collected from school on Monday**. We will change the books fortnightly (to avoid unnecessary travel for parents). We will isolate the books before changing them. Please be mindful, we will do our best with regards to the variety of books and to try and ensure children do not have duplicate books but as you can appreciate we only have so many available in school. If you have any reading books at home, please return them to school on Monday when you collect the new ones.

### **Risk Assessment**

The school's risk assessment is being updated. Due to the partial school closure, it mainly applies to staff and critical/ vulnerable children and parents who are attending school currently. This will be emailed to all parents in the next few days.

We hope you are all well and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs Milford

