

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY



5th January, 2021

Dear Parents,

I do hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year in these ever-changing times. Thank you so much for the thoughtful messages, cards and lovely Christmas gifts that were received by myself and other staff in school – it was greatly appreciated at the end of a long and challenging term. All staff were absolutely delighted to have managed to have a full term of teaching without any Covid-19 related disruption unlike many other schools.

Spring term 2021 has not commenced as we had expected or planned for! All staff have been working very hard since yesterday's lockdown announcement organising provision for critical workers and vulnerable pupils. With very little time, the remote learning now has to be planned and implemented for all pupils not attending school. Please bear with us as staff are working incredibly hard to prepare this as quickly as possible whilst also dealing with many new demands both professionally and with their own families at this difficult time. I must thank all staff for their continued professional commitment to our school.

Remote learning will start tomorrow and each class will be delivering this provision through a 'Sway a day'. The Sway app is what we used last term for class collective worship and it will be emailed to parents through Integris tomorrow morning. By Monday 11th January, our remote learning provision will include:

A Sway a day which will include:

English with a focus on Writing – daily
Reading - daily SPAG/Phonics – daily
Handwriting - daily
Maths – daily
Science – a weekly lesson
RE – a weekly task
Topic – a weekly task
PSHE – a weekly task
PE – daily

Videos will be used to support the children's learning in English and maths. From next week, there will also be opportunities for daily live sessions. There will also be opportunities for children to join in the whole school worships and details of these will also be shared via the email.

Thank you for collecting the books and resources so promptly this afternoon to help with your child's remote learning.

If help is needed with the learning/teaching, you will be able to contact teachers via the class email address (listed below) and these will be responded to during normal working hours (9:00am – 5:00pm):

Reception@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year1@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year2@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year3@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year4@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year5@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year6@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Teachers will be ready to answer any questions you may have regarding the work – however, please be aware that teachers will not be able to respond instantly with replies to queries, as they usually wouldn't during teaching hours. Please understand that staff are also engaged in our critical worker and vulnerable children provision.

For all other queries, please follow the normal practice of emailing the office via

admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding at this time.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher