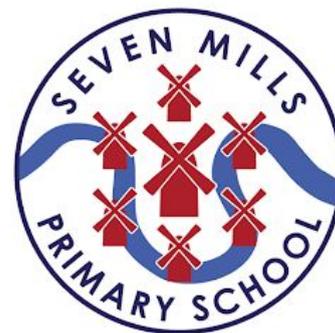


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Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It seems strange to say this in the middle of January but Happy New Year. Myself and my family were struck down with Coronavirus towards the end of the Christmas holidays and it took a long time to fully recover. I write this letter feeling back on top form and ready for what this strange term may throw at us.

## **New Remote Learning Policies**

This week has been spent ensuring that our remote learning is fine tuned and trying to solve any problems that have arisen with access for the children. If you click <http://sevenmills.towerhamlets.sch.uk/School-closure/covid19-information-1/> you can find the following updated documents:

- **Updated child protection policy for lockdown**
- **The updated risk assessment**
- **Our remote learning policy**
- **The remote learning behaviour policy**

If you have any questions about these documents, please contact the school.

## **Access to Remote Learning**

We have been so pleased with the support families have given the school with remote learning but we know you may be having issues. We have ordered 20 more laptops for the children so more will be able to access the learning which arrive on Tuesday. We have worked with BT to ensure that we can get more people online and at a quicker speed. We will contact the families who are most in need first with details of the laptops and wifi access. **We will also be contacting families next week who may be having trouble accessing learning to help all our children get online.**

We will be sending out a survey next week to see how we can further provide for our community in terms of remote learning and to improve the service we are offering.

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## Free School Meals

If you are eligible to free school meals we will have contacted you to collect a voucher for your child for the first two weeks of school for Asda. There were some concerns with the activation of these vouchers but they should be working now. We will be distributing rechargeable vouchers for the remainder of the lockdown as soon as we receive them. Please email [admin@sevenmills.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sevenmills.towerhamlets.sch.uk) or call the school if you have any problems if you think your circumstances have changed and you are now eligible for these vouchers.

## Coffee Morning

Yesterday I did a Q&A session with a small group of parents via zoom. It was really nice to hear the thoughts of those parents and to hear where we could make improvements. We are going to run a meet the headteacher session via zoom again but after school as we would like more parents to attend. We will send out details soon.

We completely understand that this is such a difficult time for all families at Seven Mills. Please contact us if you need any support, if there is illness in the family which may stop remote learning or you want to discuss anything.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tom Foster'.

Tom

