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Dear parents

The team and I have been overwhelmed this week with your continued kind messages and support – thank you all! We have also been delighted to see all children in person or on-line during the week to share our learning together. Most children are now accessing our remote teaching and learning offer from home for either part or all of the week. Children at school and at home are all accessing the same planned learning opportunities and this is working very well.

It was wonderful to see so many children and parents this week as staff distributed weekly reading books and specific additional resources (where appropriate) for those children who are accessing our remote education offer full time from home. Thank you for the lovely posters people had put up in their windows and the pictures or letters to teachers – this really brightened our day!

I am hopeful that parents and children are becoming increasingly familiar with our virtual learning platform; 'Purple Mash', and that any glitches regarding its use have been overcome. As our remote education offer outlines, we are providing the following daily teaching and learning opportunities for all children:

- Daily phonics video lesson
- Daily maths video lesson
- Daily English video lesson
- Information regarding other areas of learning and links to topic themed resources and learning opportunities
- Daily reading – this week we have also launched our on-line daily reading journal through Purple Mash
- Daily live story session with the class teacher (same daily 'Zoom' link invite).

In addition, staff are delivering reading books and bespoke learning resources (for children in receipt of interventions/those with My Plans) to children who are not accessing school provision, to your home on a weekly basis. From Monday 18th, we will have a named family liaison lead in each year group who will make contact with families whose children are not attending school provision to ensure that they are fully engaging in our remote learning offer. The family liaison lead for Year R and Year 2 is Mrs Wilkinson-White and Mrs Pritchard for Year 1.





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In outlining expectations regarding remote education, the government recognises that; 'Younger children in Key Stage 1 or Reception often require high levels of parental involvement to support their engagement with remote education, which makes digital provision a particular challenge for this age group. We therefore do not expect that solely digital means will be used to teach these pupils remotely'. This view is one that we wholeheartedly share as a school and as such, our remote education offer is a balance of both virtual and practical learning opportunities which meet both the physical, cognitive and mental health needs of our young children.

A number of parents have asked how much evidence and written work they should be uploading on a daily/weekly basis for their child. We are therefore requesting that parents upload the following work on a daily basis:

- Phonics
- Maths
- English
- Daily entry onto the reading journal

We recognise that sometimes the learning activity is practical and therefore does not always have a recorded outcome. On these occasions, there is no expectation for work to be uploaded.

Once a week, in year 1 and 2, we are asking you to upload one piece of evidence from an identified additional area of the curriculum (class teachers will highlight which subject is the focus for each week on their weekly overview). In year R, we are asking you to upload one additional piece of work/evidence of your choice. Teachers have provided links regarding how to upload each set piece of work through Purple Mash, do let us know if you require any further support with this.

We will acknowledge receipt of uploaded work and teachers will provide constructive written or oral feedback to your child where appropriate, and at least once a week. We will be monitoring access and completion of learning opportunities for all children alongside individual progress. We will be making phone contact with those families where children are not accessing or engaging with learning opportunities in order to support and provide individual and appropriate feedback.





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We recognise the joint responsibility we have with parents to continue to safeguard our children and staff during this period of lockdown whilst all continuing to face a number of organisational or personal challenges. We have therefore updated our home-school agreements to reflect the two provisions we are offering during the national lockdown (in school for critical workers/vulnerable pupils and full remote education for pupils remaining at home full or part time). These can be found on our website and we ask that you read these carefully:

- Home/school agreement for children and pupils in school - [here](#)
- Home/school agreement for remote education - [here](#)

If you are sending your child into school to access our critical worker/vulnerable child provision, we also ask that you familiarise yourself with our updated risk assessment which can be found [here](#).

Thank you to those parents who have responded to our request for support with IT equipment for some of our school families. We think that we have identified all families who require access to laptops and have provided resources where needed. However, if you have not contacted us and require further support with laptops etc, please contact the school office or email us at secretary@ckis.org.uk

We remain united in our mission to ensure that every child's ongoing learning and progress continues during this period of lockdown. I do hope that your child/ren enjoy our weekly assembly today (apologies for the quality of the sound – we have experienced some technical issues with some of our equipment in school and continue to resolve these issues!!) I also want to thank you for the wonderful job you are all doing in supporting your child's learning at home whilst also managing to juggle the pressures that life is bringing during this challenging time. Please do remember that we are here for each other and we encourage you to contact us via phone or email if there is anything we can do to further support you at this difficult time. In addition, I have also sent a number of fliers and information out this week regarding additional ways in which families can access help and support, or indeed, volunteer and donate to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please do continue to stay safe and well,
With our love and best wishes from all staff and Governors.
Kind regards



Mrs James

