

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope you and your family are keeping well and are safe.

The children in school have settled well to the new routine although it feels very strange to be so few of us. I have been very impressed with the quality of the remote learning the staff are putting out to you and the quality of that being returned. Thank you for all of the positive comments you have sent into school regarding our remote learning provision. Thank you again for the way you are responding to this challenge.

From Monday 18th January, we are inviting the children to meet with a teacher from the year group to discuss learning for the day and to say hello. This is a new experience for us all so please bear with us as we work through the first few days.

The teachers will be in contact with you and will send a link either through Teams or Zoom. This will be a recurring meeting so the link you are sent should work every day although it will change each week depending on which teacher is leading the sessions. As year 4 is such a large group, there are two links. The teachers will send you one to be used by your child.

In order for the morning meetings to be purposeful and keep to time, please can you and your child observe the following guidelines:

1. Please remain on mute and put your hand up if you wish to speak. Only unmute yourself when asked to by the teacher.
2. It is fine to be on video if you are comfortable with that.
3. Behaviour expectations are the same as in school-be kind, do as you are asked and do your best.
4. Any child failing to meet our behaviour expectations will be removed from the meeting and a follow up call will be arranged for later in the day.
5. Parents should be within earshot of the meeting but not seen on screen. We are also asking parents not to use the comments facility during this time.

6. Please sign in just before the meeting is due to start so it can run smoothly. We have allocated different times to each year group to allow for parents who have more than one child in the school.

8.40 Reception

8.50 Year 1

9.00 Year 3

9.10 Year 6

9.20 Year 2

9.30 Year 4 (Giraffes and Lions)

9.40 Year 4 (Meerkats)

9.50 Year 5

We hope this will be a way to further engage the children with learning and school. Do contact us with any concerns or celebrations.

We alerted you in the week to the possibility of support with hardware if this is something proving challenging for you and your family, however we do not have many devices allocated to the school. If you haven't already contacted us, please do get in touch via the office if you are interested. Likewise if you, or any family members or friends, have old laptops they are willing to donate please contact the office.

For any parent who does not have internet access, we have now received a delivery of Vodafone SIM cards which you can put into a cheap phone and then use as a hotspot to access free internet. Please contact the office if you would like one.

During the last lockdown we created two displays, one in upper and one in lower school with photographs and examples of work from the children who were working from home. It was wonderful to see the many different aspects of learning that were being completed. We would like to do something similar this year and so invite you to send over photographs to the school office or via the class learning platforms. The teachers will also be looking out for high quality work to be displayed.

Please find [here](#) some top tips for parents around home learning.

Please be aware that the government are reintroducing the voucher scheme from next week for those families in receipt of free school meals. It will probably take a few days to come through so please continue to order a snack pack to be collected from school if you require one.

We have been asked by the Education Library Service to share the information below about a club they are running online.

**Storywriter's Club**

Story Writer's Club is a friendly, fun Zoom group for 7-11 year-olds who enjoy bringing their stories to life on the page. Sessions will recommence on Thursdays at **4.15pm**; they will start on **21st January** and run for 4 weeks until February half term, with the last one being Feb 11th. Come along to share ideas or discover new ones and meet other people who enjoy creating too. To find out more, please email [libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk)

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