

Monday, 20th September, 2021

Dear Year 4 and Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Following several discussions with the Local Outbreak Response Team, Public Health and Worcestershire Children's First, the senior leaders and governors have made the decision to close the Year 4 and Year 6 classes from tomorrow, based on the advice given.

Due to the high level of positive Covid cases and staff absence, we need to do what we can to preserve the learning environment. **We are therefore switching to remote learning, in Years 4 and 6, with immediate effect.** This has not been an easy decision to make and that step towards virtual learning is done with a heavy heart. However, swift action needs to be taken.

We understand that some children have received negative Covid tests or have already had Covid, but sadly we do not have the capacity to facilitate relevant in-school learning and home learning, at the same time. Therefore, we aim to provide high quality and consistent home learning for the next 7 school days. We look forward to welcoming Year 4 and Year 6 children back into school on Thursday, 30th September.

Unless your child tests positive, or has symptoms of Covid, they do not need to self-isolate. However, we do urge that you are vigilant, particularly if they are feeling generally unwell. Children are able to 'buddy up' at home to help with childcare, or from a social point of view, but please do not mix if you have been told to self-isolate. Children who are not positive and are without symptoms are still able to come onto the school premises for drop off and pick up.

In terms of our home learning provision, we will require a little time to get this set up. **You'll need to collect a pack of learning resources from school tomorrow between 12-5pm.** If you require any extra pens or stationery, please let us know in advance.

If you require a laptop please email Miss Bradley at abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk as soon as possible, before 11am tomorrow, and we'll try to ensure it's available to pick up when you come to get your learning pack. We'll be in touch tomorrow with instructions for our plans with remote learning and we'll be doing as many live, interactive lessons as we possibly can. If your child is currently receiving support in the Learning Hub, you'll be contacted tomorrow with further details about how their home learning will be delivered from Wednesday onwards.

We apologise that this information is being sent out so late in the day but due to the continually changing picture in school and constant consultation with outside professionals, this decision could only just be made.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer any queries tonight however Miss Bradley and Mr Fallows will be available tomorrow with any specific enquiries regarding the children's learning.

Year 6 – Miss Bradley – abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Year 4 – Mr Fallows – wfallows@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

If your child tests positive over the next 10 days, please still report this to the school office on office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk or 01299 403796.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,



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