



SHEERHATCH NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have not entered 2021 as we all would have liked and there is still no clarity about how school will look for the rest of this term and beyond. We will just need to trust in the positive signs, however small they may seem at the moment. What is certain is that we will continue to provide the best education that we can in the challenging circumstances. We are constantly monitoring our remote learning offer and will review it as necessary. Do please remember that our teachers and teaching assistants are all still working in school, with 25% of our children in. We have had a great deal of positive feedback and are very impressed with the level of engagement of many of the children, so thank you for your support. All of the detail of the remote learning offer is on the school website, but I have summarised some key points below.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We will organise Spring Term parent consultations for the week after half term (22nd-26th February) and will let you have details of the arrangements nearer the time.

CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

We are pleased that we have been able to offer places in school for our vulnerable children and those children of critical workers who have requested a place. Please get in touch if your circumstances change.

However, we are reaching a safe capacity in some bubbles and may have to change our arrangements if there are any further requests. Please try to ensure that you are only using this provision on days when you need it.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Ryan

REMOTE LEARNING

How much work?

Reception – 1 main task a day, plus phonics and learning through play

Year 1: 2-3 hours

Year 2: 3 hours

Years 3-6: 4 hours (3 or 4 lessons, plus reading/times tables etc.)

All tasks are posted on Class Dojo

Contact with teacher

Video introductions

Zoom sessions (live lessons and social)

Individual feedback on class dojo

Emails or phone calls as necessary

Your support

Encourage a regular routine

Talk to your child about the tasks set (what they have to do and what they have completed)

Plan in breaks and exercise

Distinguish school time and home time

*You should not need to be with your child all the time (encourage independent learning)

What you need

A laptop or mobile device with access to the internet. (Class Dojo app downloaded if a mobile device).

Stationery (pens/pencils and paper or notebook)

Please note we need to be monitoring your child's work, so please ensure they are doing as much of the set tasks as possible.

If we can help with any of the above, please get in touch.

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 26th March 2021

Half Term Holiday Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 13th April – Thursday 22nd July 2021

May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Half Term Holiday Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September – Friday 17th December 2021

Half Term Holiday Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2021

Staff Professional Development Days

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September, Monday 1st November 2021 (school closed to pupils)