



Khalsa VA Primary School

NEWSLETTER

18th January 2021

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COVID-19

We are currently in a National Lockdown. Make sure that you are following all of the rules.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Always remember the most important ways to protect everyone:

Hands – Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitiser.

Face – Wearing a mask or face covering reduces transmission of the virus.

Space – Always keep a distance between yourself and anyone who does not live with you.

Remote learning

We have had a very successful start to our remote learning provision for all pupils. Google Classroom is being used very effectively to deliver live lessons and provide high quality resources for parents to support their child at home. We are pleased to announce that virtually all of our children are now accessing Google Classroom every day.

Thank you to all of our parents/carers for supporting children with their work.

In-school provision for children of critical workers and vulnerable children

Our school is still open to these pupils and we are pleased that we have been able to offer a place to all those who need it. These children are completing their online learning with the supervision and support of a teacher or teaching assistant.

Devices

As you are probably aware, schools have so far only been allocated a limited number of devices to distribute to pupils who need them. We do not have any control over these allocations. If you have informed us that you require a device, please be assured that your child's name is on the list. However, we cannot guarantee how many additional devices we will be sent and your child may not be allocated one.

If you are able to afford to buy your child a device, but are unsure which one to get, please contact the school – we are happy to give recommendations.

Devices - Donation requests

As previously mentioned, there are a number of our pupils who are struggling to access online learning because of a lack of technology in the home. If you are able to donate an unused laptop, or want to make a money donation to help us to buy more devices, please contact the school.

Free School Meals

For those children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, the government has announced that a national voucher system will be put in place from Monday 18th January. This is a national programme, and the school has no control over how these vouchers are distributed. Eligible families will receive further information in due course.

Parents' Meetings – Years 1, 2 and Year 6

Due to the current guidance preventing parents and visitors from entering the school, these meetings will be held virtually. These meetings are a vital opportunity for you to get important information about how you can best support your child with their learning and assessments in these key year groups. The dates of these meetings are as follows:

Year 6 - Tuesday 19th January – 2.30pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 20th January – 2.30pm

Year 1 - Thursday 21st January – 2.30pm

Meeting links will be sent out by Google Classroom.