



Friezland Primary School

January 15th 2021

COVID 19 Updates

This week the Government updated their guidance to state, "Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school, if required. **Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.**" As previously communicated, demand for places has been significantly higher this time. Please remember that home is the safest place for your child at the moment and we are grateful for the flexible approaches many of you have taken, **no matter how challenging**, to ensure that this is where your child can remain. **If your circumstances have changed and you no longer require a place at school or can now accommodate part-time access around your work commitments, please let us know.**

You will be aware that school bubbles across the borough, continue to close due to positive cases. The staff are working hard to try to balance supporting learning in school with learning from home but they can't do this successfully, if they are unwell. For those children attending school, please ensure communications continue with regards to COVID 19. Whether a pupil or household member has presented with symptoms, is awaiting a test result or has been contacted by 'track and trace' to self-isolate, we ask that you contact school and keep us updated. This will ensure we work in partnership to support the safety of all. Children in school are predominately using Google Classroom and their pre-prepared learning packs to complete their learning alongside an adult who may not be their usual teacher. **They are NOT at an advantage to those children learning from home.** In order to manage staffing safely, we may need to mix our current class bubbles in the forthcoming days/weeks. When all children return to school, as before, we will continue where we left off and will work hard to support progress and closing any learning gaps.



Wellbeing Check-ins

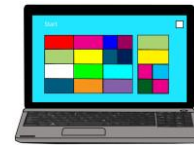
Staff will continue to send e-mails and make telephone calls to families where we may not have heard from you or your child in recent days. **This is NOT a check on how much home-learning you have accessed or completed!** It is simply a wellbeing call to see if there are any further ways we can support you and our pupils during this difficult time.



Remote Learning

We have continued with our remote learning journey this week with all classes successfully holding at least two Zoom learning sessions with their class teacher. Thank you for your support with this as we know access to devices and Wi-Fi can be difficult. **If your child wasn't able to join, that's okay. If you are not getting through the daily learning, that's okay. Please continue to access learning as and when it's right for your child and family.** Your feedback is incorporated into our discussions so that we can develop and improve. Please remember that all schools have different contexts and as such school's remote learning offers, will differ. Staff are adding to the class pre-recorded sessions, daily. These can be much more useful than a live session as your child can watch the video back numerous times if they are trying to grasp a concept or understand the task set.

For those families that find paper-based learning packs useful, packs for weeks 3-6 of this half-term will be ready to collect from the school entrance from Friday 22nd Jan, 9:00am-4:00pm.



Learning WOWS!

Friezland pupils: we are so proud of the way you are taking remote learning in your stride!

Learning WOWS for this week include: Sophie's FRED reading video was excellent; Ella was a magic mathematician with her excellent decimal work; Carter-110% effort with everything including your contributions to the class Zoom; Maximilian has produced a very scary Chinese dragon picture; Mollie, your Science work on animals is beautifully presented; Linus has submitted some great money maths learning and Dean has demonstrated great enthusiasm and effort in PE.

It's clear that you all deserve a '20th Kid Award' this week (tell your parents what that is). Well done and keep going- we'll be all back together again very soon.



Dates for the Diary 2020-2021

January

19th Jan: Y6 SAT's Meeting **CANCELLED**- the Government have cancelled all SATS for 2021.

22nd Jan: The School Council's 'Break the Rules' Day **POSTPONED**