



Anstey Remote Learning Plan Update

5th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We have had a very positive start to our school year so far. Children seem happy to be back and have learnt the new hygiene routines quickly making it part of their normal routine. We have finished our baseline assessments and are excited to be moving forward with catching up with learning and our curriculum. We have completed wellbeing support sessions in our PSHE lessons and continue to ensure our pupils are happy and adjusting back into school life at whatever rate they need to.

We are relieved to tell you we have not had any confirmed positive Covid cases within school up to this point and hope this will continue. However, as the infections rate rise throughout the country I feel it would be pertinent to share our plan to ensure learning continues in the event of any sort of isolation or local lockdown in the future. We are constantly mindful of new DFE and government guidance and adjust our plans and risk assessments accordingly as new information about the Covid19 virus is revealed and put into guidance and law.

To ensure that your child is able to continue to learn from home, in the event of individual isolation, as a result of us having to close a partial or the whole of our school bubble or a local lockdown in Hertfordshire or in the unlikely chance we would have to close the school due to staffing levels, we would like to share our home learning plans with you in advance.

- If your child (and their siblings- if they are also attending Anstey First School) is absent because they are awaiting test results, your household is required to self- isolate, and the rest of their school bubble are attending school and being taught as normal your child's teacher will assign your child's learning through Seesaw (as we did during the first lockdown) by the following morning after initial notification. Your child's teacher will maintain contact via email or telephone.
- Should a partial bubble or whole school bubble need to isolate due to a confirmed case within school you will receive notification from the school. Teachers will endeavour to upload assignments to the Seesaw learning platform by the following morning. You will be notified of a positive confirmed case and will have an outlined timeframe for isolation and return. Your child's teacher will be in contact via email or telephone during this time.
- In the event that we have local lockdown in Hertfordshire the school will continue to remain open upon and within DFE advice. Teachers will assign learning through Seesaw on the following morning after notification. Should we have a local lockdown Mrs Myers will send out information on how this will effect children coming in to school or groups who should be attending (ie Keyworkers)- this is unknown currently.
- In the unlikely event that Anstey School does not have enough staff to safely keep the school running there may need to be a temporary closure until there are adequate staffing levels. This is a very "last case" scenario and would be avoided at all costs however it is a reality if the adults in school are incapacitated due to infection or need to isolate. In this case as long as staff are able learning will be assigned through Seesaw and details

estimated timeframe will be sent to parents.

More information pertaining to a Covid closure can be found on the school website pages “Covid19 Information” and “Learning at Home”. These pages will explain precautionary measures being taken in school, provide updates and sign post to learning expectations and websites to support home learning.

Your child will soon be bringing home an exercise book that will be specifically used in the case of one of our home learning scenarios-please keep this in a safe place. Should we encounter any scenario of lockdown or isolation please use Seesaw to access the learning and then record any work in the exercise book along with date. Once the work is completed in the exercise book, please take a photograph and upload your child’s work to Seesaw so that their class teacher can look at it and give feedback. The exercise book will stay at home as a record of learning and will be given to the class teacher upon return to school.

Should you need to contact your child’s teacher in regard to concerns, questions or support with your child’s learning you may reach them by email at the following addresses;

Nursery and Reception class: Hfell@anstey.herts.sch.uk

Year 1/2 Class: Rmckelvey@anstey.herts.sch.uk

Year 3/4 Class: Vmodeste@anstey.herts.sch.uk

It is really important that your child continues to learn during this pandemic and your support with our closure plans is greatly appreciated. Together we can get this right! We are of course hopeful there will be limited need for this but it’s important we are prepared for any such event.

Thank you for your continued support as always.

Stay safe and stay well,

Mrs A Myers