

Good Morning,

Many thanks for adhering to social distancing guidance. We have a number of children accessing our emergency childcare provision, enabling our Key Workers to attend necessary work within the community for which we are all very grateful. Staff are keen to support these families however, there have been a number of children who we were expecting that have not attended today. If this is the case, please can families contact the school office 01274 564681 from 7.45am to notify any planned absence or start date of self isolation. This will ensure we can keep our children and staff safe by having the minimum number of adults in school.

Home Learning

As I am sure you are aware, there has been a great deal to organise to ensure those children in school are supervised appropriately and are safe. The Local Authority plans changed very last minute on Friday afternoon and up to this point arrangements looked very different to what we are now facilitating. Thus, our in school attenders of Key Workers have had to be our priority in the short term.

Since Friday, school have received a number of emails enquiring about schemes of work / the possibility of Skype lessons etc. Skype lessons will sadly not be an option for our school. All the information sent out to parents last week has provided suggestions and appropriate links that are age appropriate learning for your children over the coming this weeks.

To supplement this, staff are now in the process of collating all logins for all online learning schemes - this will ensure all our children have easy access to planned resources. With this in mind, we appreciate families will need to manage / rota computer use within the household and that some families have no access to such online facilities in their home. 'Purple Mash' resources will be bespoke to each class and updated by teachers on a regular basis. Spellings will also be issued and emailed out accordingly, using the admin email address. Our staff, who are well, are currently working hard to make the appropriate plans for all our children and allocate these resources. We appreciate your patience whilst we pull all this information together.

FRIENDS of Myrtle Park Primary are updating their Facebook page regularly with ideas for all our families, with learning experiences both indoors and outdoors. Device Learning should be kept to a minimum with the basics alongside 'real life' learning opportunities being a priority.

Please understand that we are functioning in unprecedented circumstances and that learning will look different for the foreseeable future. Your patience and understanding with this is essential.

Our priority must be to stay safe and follow Government Guidance regarding social distancing and self-isolation where necessary. The vulnerable members of our community need us to adhere to this guidance. We are hopeful that if we all follow this guidance, a more routine and familiar version of 'school' will return.

Free School Meals

We are awaiting further information from the Local Authority around provision for our Free School Meal children. When we know more, we will contact these families directly.

Stay safe and thank you.

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