



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope you and your families are well and have been able to adjust to the many challenges at this time. I want to thank you for the many positive and encouraging messages myself and other staff have received over the last few days as we all work together to provide the best experience possible for our children.

Well done to everybody who has supported their child with getting connected and working through TEAMS. We appreciate that for many of our pupils, supervision is required when using TEAMS to access the learning and handing-in assignments. This will become easier the more practice they have. Those parents who have children in secondary schools will be used to this way of working.

It has been a very busy week at school. We currently have critical worker classes in every year group who are being taught by their year group teachers. In addition to this daily teaching, our teachers are providing remote learning via TEAMS and a home learning pack weekly for those who cannot access TEAMS.

Home Learning:

If you are unable to access Teams, our **Home Learning Packs** are available to be downloaded/printed from the school website www.davington.kent.sch.uk or if necessary, can be collected in paper form from the office from Monday lunchtime (please telephone ahead to ensure we can get this copied for you). There will also be some basic, essential stationary if you require this.

Support:

You will have heard of the support the Government have provided to help pupils with technology. The reality is very different to information being shared through the media. I have managed to secure a small number of laptops for the school. These can be loaned to families throughout this lockdown period. We have been allocated a small proportion of devices compared to the number of families we anticipate would welcome the support. Therefore we shall allocate following guidelines given.

- The priority pupils are KS2 pupil premium pupils, starting with Year 6 with no access to any device in the home
- There must be evidence of engagement with our previous home learning

Our expectation is that the pupil will engage fully with TEAMS and hand-in assignments daily. If this pledge is unfulfilled, the laptop will be provided to another of our families.

For those who are struggling to access the remote learning for technology related reasons, there are a number of alternative ways in which we may be able to help:

- Data SIM cards – We have secured a number of SIM cards which are for those families who have limited data on their mobile phones. Our SIM cards will only support data but can be used in any device capable of holding a SIM card. This device can then be used as a hotspot.
- Wifi routers – we are able to apply on your behalf for a broadband router should you not have any access to broadband. Please contact the office and we can apply.
- If you own an **Xbox or Playstation 4** you can use the internet browser on this to access Microsoft Teams as well as other on-line resources.

Please contact the school if you wish more information or to be considered for any of the above.

TEAMS

Three Assignments will be sent directly to each child's class TEAM daily. These will have a maths, English or other curriculum focus and will require your child to 'hand-in' a piece of work on completion by the given deadline (9am the following morning). This will then be looked at by your child's class teacher and returned with comments as appropriate. They will be encouraged by their teachers to use this facility with certain guidelines in mind. If, as parents you have questions, please do not ask them through Teams, as this is for the children, but instead use the year group emails or call the school office directly.

Your child will receive an Acceptable Usage Policy within their year group TEAMS this afternoon which will need to be signed and returned through TEAMS by Monday morning please.

Contact with Staff

Teachers and Mrs Davison (SENCo) can be contacted by email and by phone. Please use these email addresses. Staff will respond to your request for contact as soon as they can.

yearr@davington.kent.sch.uk

year1@davington.kent.sch.uk

year2@davington.kent.sch.uk

year3@davington.kent.sch.uk

year4@davington.kent.sch.uk

year5@davington.kent.sch.uk

year6@davington.kent.sch.uk

sen@davington.kent.sch.uk (Mrs Davison)

Mrs Cleary (FLO/Well-being Mentor) can also be contacted by phoning the school office or emailing office@davington.kent.sch.uk

Free School Meals

Families who are registered for free school meals, whom are not in school, would have received a voucher this morning. Please contact the school should there be any problems with accessing these.

Take care and stay safe



Mr Saint
Headteacher