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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a peaceful Christmas.

Following last night's announcement, we will be providing remote learning for pupils in Y1 to Y6 from Monday via Teams. Reception will use Tapestry for remote learning which will include some short teacher led sessions for phonics, reading and maths. All Reception parents were sent an email initially with a link to access Tapestry. Please check your email (including your junk folder) if you have not yet accessed Tapestry.

Years 1 to 6 daily teaching will consist of four lessons: reading, writing, maths, phonics (for EYFS and KS1) and a spelling lesson for KS2. A weekly RE lesson will also be taught. Following the teaching sessions, tasks will be given to complete and return via Teams so teachers can mark and offer feedback. Where appropriate, group marking may also take place.

If your child is sharing a tablet, laptop or desktop computer with other family members we will be recording the live lessons so children can watch / access them at a convenient time. However, children should access lessons daily.
Work must be completed and turned in each day.

The Department of Education gave each school an allocation of laptops; the allocation of laptops for St Teresa's was three for the whole school. These have been given out following strict criterion so there are none available for loan. If your child does not have access to any device, please notify us via reply@st-teresasrc.essex.sh.uk and we will produce a pack that will be ready to collect between 8.30am and 10am on Monday only.

If you are a NHS critical worker or your child has an EHC Plan or is on our Social Care Risk Register (has social worker involvement), your child will be allowed (if you wish) to attend school. Children of NHS workers can attend for the shifts that you are working.

We need to make provision for bubble arrangements for all pupils attending on Monday and thereafter. In order to do this can you contact me via reply@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk stating your child's name, year group, your occupation, and the days you need your child to attend. On the first day of attendance please bring NHS ID. Please contact me by 10am on Friday morning (tomorrow) as I will need to ensure support staff arrangements are in place for Monday.

Teachers will be offering remote learning from home and key worker children will access the lessons remotely in the school hall supervised by support staff. All children attending will be in the same bubble for the two-week period. The provision we are offering is an option for families that have no alternative. Obviously if you are a key worker but would rather arrange to keep your child safe at home, we understand. We know the guidance is to stay at home wherever possible so we are trying to limit the number of pupils attending at any one time, as I have a duty of care to both staff and pupils. For this reason, you must book in advance. Remote learning will have a greater impact on progress children can and will make than simply completing worksheets, so please do all you can to support your child with the online learning being offered.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals (not universal) and will not be attending school, Mrs Fuller will be in touch to offer provision.

Thank you in advance for your support.

All the staff at St Teresa's would like to wish you a healthy and happy 2021.

Keep safe.

Mrs Cashell