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Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone in our school community has worked extremely hard to prepare for the new challenges we face; I would like to thank all of the staff and families for working together to ensure all children have access to their learning.

There will be no newsletter this week as our focus has been on ensuring we have the best possible learning provision available for your children both in school and those learning remotely. However, I would still like to update you on the situation in the academy and on guidance that has been set by the DfE.

### **Guidance**

There are regular, ongoing adjustments to the Government's guidance for schools; I would like to reassure you that we are constantly reviewing the provision we have in place. Towards the end of next week, I will send out a short questionnaire to gather your feedback on the quality of the remote learning provision and how accessible it is.

Schools are being asked to monitor engagement and learning of those who are learning at home- at Rosecliffe we would have checked this regardless of this guidance- and you should expect your child's class teacher to get in touch if learning is missing. The rationale is, that once lockdown has been lifted, children learning remotely will not be 'behind' and will be able to join their peers in school at the right point in their learning cycle.

### **Remote Learning**

I understand that home learning is tricky for many of you who are also working from home, which is why we have pre-recorded videos online which you can access when it suits you as a family.

Schools have been directed to have live videos as well as pre-recorded ones. Live videos reduce the amount of work for teachers as they're only teaching the lesson once, however we wouldn't want to stress you to adhering to a timetable when managing remote learning. We will gauge the demand for this when we send out our survey next week.

*Top tip: Some parents have found that having their children wear their uniform during 'lesson time' at home and then changing in to 'home clothes' has helped create a routine at home and helps children differentiate between learning at home and being at home.*

### **Assessments**

The government has cancelled all statutory assessments including the Year 1 Phonics screening check, Year 2 and year 6 SATs and the new Year 4 multiplication tests. I would like to assure you that this will not stop us from implementing challenge and rigour in to your child's learning- may it be remotely or in school. We will continue to moderate children's learning in school and between other Trust schools as well as work with the Local Authority in cross-moderation.



### **Bubbles**

Each class has been set up as a class bubble- there is no mixing of children, staff or resources at any point during the day. All break and lunchtimes have been staggered more so than pre-Christmas. Should there be a positive case in one of the bubbles, it will be 'popped' and the whole bubble will need to isolate in accordance with guidelines. Parents of children in school will be notified and we will follow Public Health England's procedures.

### **Zoom Calls**

Those of who have been on the Rosecliffe journey since the beginning will be please to know that the good old days are back!

Each class teacher will contact every child who is learning remotely them next week via zoom to check in on them, talk about their week, learning and anything else they wish to share. It is important to us that we maintain this link between home and school for your children's well-being. Links and times will be sent to you over Class Dojo by your class teachers by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

There will also be a class Zoom meet where all of the children can get together and share time together- again the link will be shared via Class Dojo.

### **Assemblies**

I will run whole school assemblies on Mondays and Thursday at 10am. On Mondays we share and learn about key themes, ideas and events, and on Thursdays we come together to celebrate our Stars of the Week. This award be rewarded to children who are learning remotely as well as those at school- it could be your child so please do tune in if you can. If you do not wish for others to see your child on their screen- simply turn off the camera so that your child can still participate. Certificates will be posted home or hand delivered by yours truly!

Link for assemblies: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87257348791>

### **Shielding Staff**

Currently we have one member of staff who has to shield- we have had to force her to not come in! Mrs Shardlow, our Play Leader at lunchtimes, will post a video each week of a game or activity children could take part in at home during that week. The link will be posted in each class' Dojo story every Monday.

The feedback from critical workers and parents working/learning from home so far has been overwhelmingly positive and your comments of kindness remind us all that at Rosecliffe we really are like a family- showing care and consideration for one another in uncertain times.

Rosecliffe Spencer is open- do get in touch if you need any support from teaching maths to motivating the children in their learning.

Wishing you all a warm, safe weekend with your loved ones.

Best wishes,

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