



Sandhurst Primary School

Newsletter
Spring Term
5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh my word, well here we are again. I know you will have all seen the announcement last night from Mr Johnson about a total lockdown until the February half-term. I know this feels really hard for everyone and especially as it is so cold and wet. Just remember we are all in this together and we are here if you need a chat or any support.

Critical Worker and Vulnerable children

We have now allocated out all available places for our Critical Worker and Vulnerable children. This has been just the hardest thing to decide who need places and who doesn't. We have had to take every request on a case by case basis and it has had to vary depending on the demand for each year group. But we are now absolutely at capacity for what is safe for your children, your families and my staff. I am sure you will understand how difficult this is but this how we will now run until half term. We will then be guided by the government and the latest advice for after half term.

On-Line Learning

Please, please, be patient with us with regards to our Zoom interactions. I know Yr 3 had some difficulties today but poor Ms Corbett was trying to do it all on her own due to staff availability and some significant technological challenges. In everything we do there is always room for improvement but today was our first go and we will improve, adapt and respond as we go. Please just bear with us while this all settles into the new normal.

You could help us by:

Ensuring your child is on mute.

Having resources ready, your teacher will inform you in advance if you need any resources.

We have given out lots of devices today to support pupils who do not have access to technology at home. We have had yet another lovely offer and a wonderful family are buying us a further 4 tablets. Which is just so kind. But we have a huge plea, if you have any spare Ipad chargers we would love them as we are running very short. If you have borrowed an Ipad and don't need the charger please could we possibly just get the charger back. Thank you.

If you have any login issues/device issues please email
sandlog@sandhurstprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

WhatsApp groups

Some parents are really keen to join their child's class WhatsApp group. We don't administer these so please could class reps make themselves known to me and I can try to safely link you all up.

Free School Meals

Unfortunately, at this moment the government are not providing free school meal provision this lockdown. I am really hopeful that when the guidance comes out they will change their minds and will provide this very valuable and much needed resource. As soon as we know I will let you know. In the meantime, please don't forget our wonderful food bank, they can help with a food parcel. I can refer you to community foodbanks and I have a small amount left in my original emergency fund if you are really struggling. Please let me know.

Reception Applications

In all this madness please don't forget that the closing date for Reception 2021 places is fast approaching. I am holding my final virtual Reception tour on Friday. If you know anyone who is needing a Reception place in September, please get them to email the office and we can add them to the zoom invite.

Finally

Well it has been a bit of a day here today, getting fully up and running with on-line school and lockdown school, but hopefully things will settle and we will trouble-shoot as we go. So I think that is all from me today.

Please remember, if you miss a piece of work, do not worry. If you miss a zoom it is not the end of the world. Just do what you can, I totally understand the pressures you are all under.

Please stay safe and well.

Much love

Mrs Dove