



# Ravenshall

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13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you are safe and well.

Since our last update we have been starkly reminded of the impact of the Corona virus pandemic as we have all entered another national lockdown.

Thankfully, this time schools remain open and we are operating as smoothly as possible under these conditions.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support of school as we navigate our way through these regular changes. It seems inevitable that there will be future disruption through the coming weeks and months.

Unfortunately, during the last 3 weeks, a number of staff and pupils have had to isolate at home due to COVID-19. This clearly impacts on our daily routines, lessons, and staffing, and last minute changes may be unavoidable.

We would like to reassure you that all safety guidelines are followed, advice is sought when necessary, and information is shared daily with the Local Authority and the DfE.

In order to ensure that pupils at home access education, teachers are conducting live lessons using Microsoft teams, as well as tasks set through the Class Dojo system. This has been working extremely well, and the pupils have joined in brilliantly. Teachers will be in contact with families about using this system if they have to begin a period of isolation.

Remote learning will take shape in many ways depending on the circumstances:

- Some teachers will lead lessons from their homes to pupils in school with support staff.
- Some teachers will lead lessons from school to pupils at home.
- Some pupils will be taught at home remotely by teachers at home.
- Support staff will join in with lesson organisation where possible.

Rest assured we are following safeguarding procedures to make remote learning safe and effective. To enable this, please ensure that you are present while your child is engaging with remote learning. Obviously, to ensure that conform to our strict safeguarding expectations no lessons should be recorded and appropriate behaviour is expected from pupils and families. If you have concerns about engagement in remote learning, please speak to your child's class teacher about this.

To ensure that pupils and families are safe and well, a member of staff will contact you weekly by phone, so please answer the call and share any updates or concerns you may have. Some of you will be aware that we are now conducting all Annual Review Meetings and planned parental/ professional meetings remotely using Microsoft Teams or conference calling. This will be reviewed at the end of the national lockdown.

We would like to wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe weekend.

Regards,

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