

# Tickford Times

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Covid-19 Update

As some of you will be aware, it was necessary for us to close our Year 3 keyworker group yesterday, due to a confirmed case in a pupil who had attended this provision. I am pleased to be able to tell you all that the pupil is well and displaying no symptoms.

Our Year 3 keyworker group will reopen on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. If your child attended this group on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, they will need to self-isolate for ten days. The last day of their isolation should be as follows:

Last day in school	Last day of isolation
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan

If your child has a space in our Year 3 keyworker group, but was not present on either of those days, please be aware that they will still not be able to return to school until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January as the teaching staff assigned to this group are also required to self-isolate.

Home learning will continue to be set on the Year 3 Blog, which can be found in the 'classes' section of our [school website](#).

A member of staff in a different bubble has also tested positive but as she was not in school immediately before her test, there is no need for any other pupils to self-isolate. The member of staff is also well, with no symptoms.

## Remote Learning Update

We hope that your children have benefited from the videos that our teachers have posted this week, to support home learning. We will continue to use these over the coming weeks to provide remote instruction and teaching.

Next week, we will also be introducing a live session each day, for each year group from Year 3 to 6. This will be a timetabled Google Meet in which the teacher will introduce the activities for the day, providing some key teaching points and instructions. These will take place at the following times:

Year 3	9:00am
Year 4	9:30am
Year 5	10:00am
Year 6	10:30am

In addition to these sessions, teachers will be scheduling small group social sessions to check up on pupil's wellbeing during their remote learning. Children will receive an invite to one session per week, with their teacher. These sessions will also take place via Google Meet and will be scheduled for all children in Year 1 to 6 not attending our onsite provision.

Please keep an eye on the Class Blogs and Class Dojo for further details of these sessions, including when they will take place, which social session your child should attend and guidance on how to attend them.

## Year 2 Keyworker Group

As we have experienced unexpectedly high demand for keyworker spaces in Year 2, it has become necessary for us to revise our model for onsite provision, in this year group only.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, we will be splitting our pupils into two discrete groups, each with a teacher and teaching assistant. The two groups will both receive the same provision and the day will be structured in the same way; however, the two groups will remain apart throughout the day.

This new model will ensure that pupils and staff attending school will come into contact with fewer pupils, thus further minimising the risk of exposure to the virus.

All pupils registered for this group will receive a Dojo message later today, confirming which group they will be in and in which classroom they will be based. Many thanks for your understanding and support as we seek to adapt to the everchanging circumstances in which we seem to find ourselves at present.

## Old Laptops

If anyone has any unwanted laptops that they would like to donate to the school, with a power adapter, we would be very grateful to receive them. Our technical team will then wipe and rebuild them, ready to give to families who need one to support their home learning.

If you are able to help us in this respect, please send an e-mail to the [school office](#) to arrange to drop-off of your devices. Thank you!



Fairy Tale Day in our Foundation Stage Keyworker group!

## Resource Packs

Our teaching staff have prepared resource packs to support children who are working at home at this time. These contain exercise books, in which your child can complete their written tasks, as well as selected, age-appropriate resources.

These packs will be available for collection next week. Please collect at the allocated times (see table below) to keep numbers onsite at any one time to a minimum.

Packs will be outside the main school entrance, ready for collection on the scheduled day. If it is too wet to leave packs outside, we will provide further details, via Class Dojo.

If you are unable to collect your child's home learning resource pack, for example because you are self-isolating, shielding or housebound, please send a Dojo message to Ms Chapman, who will coordinate alternative arrangements.

If you have children in multiple year groups, and therefore need to collect more than one resource pack, please send a Dojo message to me (Mr Smith), and I will schedule a single collection and ensure that the packs that you need are available.

Date	Time*	Year
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11am-1pm	Year 1
	1pm-3pm	Year 2
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9-11am	Year 3
	11am-1pm	Year 4
	1pm-3pm	Year 5
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9-11am	Year 6
	11am-1pm	FS

*\*Within each two-hour time slot, if your child's name begins A-L, please come within the first hour; if your child's first name begins M-Z, please come in the second hour. Thank you.*