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WhatsUp @ EXETER



Message from our head teachers...

We would like to thank all the parents for working so hard to engage with the school with the remote learning, teachers have worked exceptionally hard to provide the best quality of education in as many forms as possible to reach homes. We understand that currently life is challenging and educating your children at home is not easy, please continue to talk with us about any specific barriers you face and we can support you in overcoming them. We cannot stress enough how important it is that your children carry on with their learning remotely and access the lessons both pre-recorded and live, we are working hard with you all to provide the necessary IT support to get you all online, so please bear with us during this time.

This week we went live with our first You Tube assembly which allowed children at home and in school to watch in real time, this has been well received and enjoyed by the children. This can be caught up with on our You Tube channel if you have missed it and watch out for the link to next weeks. All certificates for pupil of the week will be sent home today.

KS2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFuBUvW-b4Y&feature=youtu.be>

KS1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4KMqgw4P-k&feature=youtu.be>

We look forward to continue to work with you, stay safe.

Pupil of the week

FS2: Harrison C and Scarlett B

Year 1: Matei Z, Kaydyn K and Esme C

Year 2: Brooke R and Keiran C

Year 3: Julia H, Megan C and Taylin H

Year 4: Viktor G, Anais I and Cody M

Year 5: Natalia N, Karolina D and Leyton M

Year 6: Jack M, Phoebe M, Aimee B and Max C

Potter Class: Charlie C

[Well done to all these children.](#)

Key Dates this term

Primary application deadline: 5pm January 15th 2021

Is your child due to start school next year? If your child has their 4th birthday between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for their primary school place by 5pm TODAY.

Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-primary-school-place> or

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-places/Pages/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx> to apply.



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Remote learning at home

Well done sending your work in on dojo



It is fantastic to see all the work the children are doing at home, by sending photos via dojo to your child's teacher / year group teacher. We cannot thank the parents enough for the support you are giving your child/ren at home. We have been using Dojo to send out the daily lessons (tasks, pre-recorded lesson) and the level of engagements has been great. If you are still not logged onto class dojo, please contact us via the Gateway App and we can send you your log in details again.

Listening to feedback, some parents have commented on the number of notification they receive every day of work to complete (especially when there is more than one child receiving notification). To limit these, we will try to put as much information as we can on one message, though at the moment, it only allows us to upload one document per message. We are looking into sending out children's own log on details for Dojo so they can access the work directly from their device and send work back to their teacher.

How often should work be done?

It is a Government expectation that all pupils have at least 3 hours of work set for them daily – this will involve a mixture of pre-recorded lessons, live lessons, independent tasks set, reading and daily PE activities. Work needs to be completed on a daily basis and sent back to the teacher each day. We will be monitoring this on a daily basis. This learning should mirror the work being done within class.

Remote learning

This week we have started to use TEAMS to deliver live lessons, access to all work linked to the lessons, tasks set etc. Each lesson is recorded so that children can go back over the lesson and re-cap, or watch at a later time if not able to access at the live time.

We completely understand that these first few days and next week could be challenging - understanding how the technology works and possibly sharing devices between children within the same household. Please have a go at following the timetable set, accessing the online resources. Your class teacher can be contacted via dojo if you are struggling in any way. Please have a go at following this for a week and give us feedback how it goes. Whilst some parents have requested paper packs, this online learning will provide your children a far closer link to the work which is being done in class so that we can minimise the gap in children's learning.





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Live lessons

The ultimate aim is to have at least 2 live lessons a day on TEAMS, with all resources and activities also loaded onto there. Whilst we ensure everyone is able to access TEAMS, for next week (18th- 22nd January) we will be having one live lesson a day. Timings for these lessons are:

FS2 Attenborough 9:20-9:40

FS2 Peake 9:40-10:00am

Year 1 12:30-1:00pm

Year 2 10:00-10:30am

Year 3 10:30-11:00am

Year 4 11:00-11:30am

Year 5 11:30-12:00pm

Year 6 12:00-12:30pm.

What is needed at home to help?

To help with remote learning and support the pre-recorded lesson, live lessons and activities set, the following equipment would be useful to have at hand at all times.

- Pencil, paper, ruler.
- Objects to help with counting e.g. dried pasta



If you are struggling with any of these, please get in contact with your child's teacher.



Access to technology

We understand that access to technology may be the main difficulty some parents are facing at this time to support their child/ren with learning whilst at home. This week during your weekly phone calls, you should have been asked what devices you have at home and we are now working through this to see who we can offer support to.

We have applied for laptops from the DfE and recycling laptops we currently have in school. We are also approaching local companies to ask for support in either donating laptops or by sponsoring us to help purchase new devices. Do you know any companies (one that you work for?) who would be willing to support us in this way? If so, could you please pass info@exeteralc.com to the company to get in contact with us. Thank you.



Online Safety

With the increase in use of technology, can we please remind parents the importance of online safety. Please monitor the use of websites whilst working on devices and talk about online safety with your children regularly. More guidance can be found on the NSPCC and

www.nationalonlinesafety.com websites.



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Home phone calls

For all children working at home, we are making weekly phone calls to check everyone is alright and offer support in any way we can. These calls will be coming from a No Caller ID, so please do answer.



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Don't have time to donate right now? Set up a reminder

Go Fund me to support laptops for remote learning

At Exeter - ALC, we are passionate about education equality and we want all our children to have access to high quality remote education during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are raising money to ensure that all our children can access remote teaching. Please share the just giving link so that we can raise as much as we

can. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/exeter-alc>

Children in school

Critical workers – Do you still need your place?

Over the last few days, our school has seen large numbers of children attending daily education, accessing places as a child of a critical worker. These numbers are significantly higher than earlier lockdowns, mainly because, only one parent needs to be a critical worker in a family to attend school during this most recent lockdown. The increased pupil numbers attending is proving to be extremely challenging for our school to operate safely whilst at the same time deliver full remote learning to children working from home. Our school is diligently following the guidance available to us, but it is getting increasingly difficult to organise bubble structures, staffing and remote learning due to the volume of children attending.

During the next few days and weeks, our schools may not be able to sustain this level of attendance as well as keep our staff safe and deliver the level of education that everyone deserves, and some tough decisions may have to be made. **Therefore, we are asking in the spirit of National lockdown, that critical worker parents only take up a space in school if it is vital and they have no other way to support their child at home e.g an adult is at home (even if working from home). “The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives”.** We need to ensure that those people and children who absolutely need a space in school get one when they need one. If you are able to support your child at home, please contact the school office.

Please remember to send your child in on time:

Years 1, 3 and 5: 8:30am – 3pm

Years FS2, 2, 4 and 6: 8:45am – 3:15pm



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Nursery Update

Following the flood in December, lots of work has been going on. The nursery is now dry, new flooring is going down, walls being decorated and furniture being replaced. We are hoping to open as soon as all work is complete and cannot wait to share this with the nursery children.



Reading at home

We know that at the moment your child will not be bringing book home to read. We are currently looking into access to online books. We encourage parents to still hear their child/ren read every day as well as being read to. This could be with books you already have access to, or searching on the internet for free eBooks. We will update you with our school offer as soon as it is confirmed.



Ever thought of becoming a teacher?

We are proud to be working in partnership with the Two Mile Ash Initial Teacher Training Partnership training our teachers and superheroes of the future. If you or know of anyone who may be interested in a career in teaching, visit www.mkitt.co.uk to find the right route for you.

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School Term Dates: Academic Year 2020 – 2021

2020

Term 1	Re-open	Thursday 3 September
	Closes	Thursday 22 October
Term 2	Re-open	Monday 2 November
	Closed	Monday 30 th November – training day
	Closes	Friday 18 December

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Term 3	Re-open	Monday 4 January
	Closes	Friday 12 February
Term 4	Re-open	Monday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 26 March
Term 5	Re-open	Monday 12 April
May Bank	Closes	Friday 30 April
Holiday	Re-open	Tuesday 4 May
Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 28 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 7 June
	Closes	Friday 16 July