

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Friday 22nd January 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now three weeks into the current (and hopefully the last) Lockdown and the levels of COVID-19 infection, locally and nationally, remain very high. Sadly, the reality of this serious situation has been demonstrated with a positive case of coronavirus identified within the school community this week.

We send our best wishes for a speedy return to full health to the child concerned and to their family at this time. 14 children and 6 members of staff are now in isolation for a period of 10 days.

It is vital that we continue to take every measure we can to reduce the risks of virus transmission in school, and out of school.

The guidance from the government is that only **vulnerable children** and children of **critical workers** should attend school. The guidance also says that **parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.**

**Restricting
attendance during
the national
lockdown: schools**

Guidance for all schools in England

January 2021

We are currently liaising with parents who are critical workers to make sure their children are supported at home rather than in school when this is possible.

Importantly, from next week there will be a reduction in the number of Reception children attending school and instead they will benefit from remote learning support at home.

N.B. Do not send your child to school if they or any member of the household has a high temperature, new continuous cough or a loss/change of taste or smell.

New Arrangements for Reception Children

From Monday 25th January (next week) all Reception children attending school will use the Shaw's Way entrance at the bottom corner of the school. The Reception Bubble will be based in Ash Class from next week.

The drop off and collection times will remain the same: 8:55am and 3:10pm.

Remote Learning Support

The entire Teaching Team (i.e. teachers and TAs) have done a remarkable job to provide a rich and comprehensive range of learning activities for children to engage in at home.

This includes **online video lessons** for each year group (some pre-recorded and some live), **printed learning packs** and workbooks delivered to homes, **1:1 MS Team sessions** for every child at home with their teacher and in some cases also with a TAs, individual accounts for **Reading Eggs** and **Mathseeds** and access to **eBooks** which are assigned to each child at the right level.

We are also providing parents with an opportunity to swap actual reading books by request with the school. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange this.

Thanks to a generous donation from St John's Foundation, we have also been able to invest in 12 new smart devices to loan to families to help children to get online from home.

Links to all of the lessons shared are available from the school website.

Links to lessons for **Reception** children:

<https://twertoninfant.school/learning-at-home/1588-2/>

Links to lessons for **Year 1** children:

<https://twertoninfant.school/y1-learning-resources/>

Links to lessons for **Year 2** children:

<https://twertoninfant.school/learning-at-home/y2-learning-resources/>



A huge **WELL DONE** to our Teaching Team for providing such a great learning offer to children both at home and in school.

School Meals, Vouchers and Food Support

For families with children unable to attend school, that are eligible by benefits for Free School Meals, we are now providing a choice of a Morrisons Schoolbox, which is delivered directly to your home, or a £15 Voucher through a company called



Edenred. Parents who have opted for a voucher should check their email accounts, including the spam folder, over the next few days.

Next week we are back on Week 1 of the Lockdown Menu:

WEEK 1				
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Jacket Potato with various fillings Mixed Salad	Beefburger or Veggie Burger in a bun Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn	Tomato & Pasta Bake Or Jacket Potato with Filling Mixed Vegetables	Pork or Veggie Sausages Mashed Potato Baked Beans	Battered Fish Or Jacket Potato with Filling Chips Garden Peas

Each day there will also be a choice of sandwiches.

WEEK 2				
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Jacket Potato with various fillings Mixed Salad	Chicken or Vegetable Curry With Rice Mixed Vegetables	Minced Beef Pasta Bolognaise Or Lentil and Veg Bolognaise Sweetcorn and Peas	Hot dog or Veggie Hot Dog Herby diced potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Fish Fingers Or Jacket Potato with Filling Chips Garden Peas

Term 3 – Going for Goals

This term our theme is “Going for Goals”. We will also be looking at the two virtues Bravery and Service and we



will be sharing assemblies with the whole school community each week. You can watch this week’s assembly here:

<https://www.loom.com/share/f8a9bccdb02945bfa3cbb542074c99a9>

LEAVES

The following children were recently awarded leaves:



Ash Class (YR)

- **Tharaneesh** – for working hard and joining in with class sessions.;
- **Percy** – for working hard with his Phonics during online sessions.

Elm Class (YR)

- **Lettie** – for having a really positive attitude in class and working well with the children and adults;
- **Flynn** – for excellent engagement in home learning and keeping up with all the activities.



Chestnut Class (Y1)

- **Seren** – has been doing really well in her Phonics lessons and practising every day at home her sounds and tricky words. She is always ready to learn on Teams with Miss Patterson.



Rowan Class (Y1)

- **Tayla Mae** – for an amazing text map for her Venus fact file.

Y1 Bubble

- **Hunter** – has been doing really well in Phonics with his phase 3 sounds. He is always ready to learn and always tries his best. Keep it up Hunter, well done!

Oak Class (Y2)

- **Amelia-Lilly** – for adapting so well to learning at home and trying really hard to engage with all online activities. It's also lovely to be met with a smiley face (& cuddly toy!) on our Teams calls!



Maple Class (Y2)

- **Nyah & Kaydie** – Welcome to the school and well done for excellent focus and engagement on your Teams lessons with Miss Scott.



Y2 Bubble

- **Mark** – for some fantastic story writing in school and making everyone smile.

Please contact the school if your child is unwell and cannot attend school.

You can send us an SMS message to: **07786 201170**

School telephone numbers: **(01225) 423526 & 314745**