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Dear parents and carers

After a busy day we have now arranged new classes and teachers have planned online learning for pupils at home, which is all in place ready to share tomorrow.

For those at home, the expectation is that **pupils will be working every day**. There will be a maths, English and a wider curriculum task which will mainly have either a recorded power-point or other instructional video to teach the children and then associated tasks for the children to do. There will also be an active task to get the children moving. The **teachers will also be available** online via Showbie or the Year group email to answer any queries. Year groups will be sending out emails to parents with specific details. In school we will be **closely monitoring the work that is completed**, so it would be very helpful if you could upload it on a daily basis. Teachers will do their best to respond to this the same day. The work at home will closely mirror what is being taught in school, so it is **essential that it is completed** so that the pupils can return to school roughly at the same starting point. If we notice that work is not being completed, we will give you a call to see if we can **support you in accessing the work**, or provide paper copies if that is not possible.

We will be making regular phone calls home to parents, as we did in the previous lockdown, so please answer the phone to us! The calls are only to see how you are all doing and if we can offer any support.

No evening homework will be set for any children during this time, although children in school will be able to bring home reading books. However, it will greatly support their learning if all pupils can **read regularly and continue to practise their times tables**.

For children who are Free School Meals and are at home, we will be organising **supermarket vouchers** for you to cover this period. **School meals will be provided in school** with an adapted menu which will shortly be on the website.

In school, we will have **one class in each year group**. They will be taught by one of the year group teachers each week, using a rota system. There will also be **2 teaching assistants supporting** each class. If your child has been allocated a place in school, either as a key worker, or as a vulnerable child, you will shortly receive an email to confirm this.

Headteacher: Zoe Cannon

The children will arrive and leave via the park entrances as usual. The drop-off and collection times are as follows:

Year 3 and 5 8.55am – 3.25pm

Year 4 and 6 8.50am – 3.20pm

Please do not drop off your child more than 5 minutes before their allotted time.

Children should **wear school uniform to school** apart from PE days which will be detailed on the email from your year group team.

Whether at home or school, please **continue to update us about any symptoms of Covid19** or positive test results in your immediate family. We have a comprehensive tracker which is completed daily and it is very helpful if you can either call school or email safeguarding@ravensdalej.derby.sch.uk with any updates.

If anyone in your family has any symptoms of Covid19 (high temperature, loss of taste or smell and a new cough) please **keep your child at home** to ensure we keep everyone safe. If your child has any type of contagious illness such as cold or flu symptoms, a headache or stomach ache, we also ask that they **do not attend school**. This is due to the prevalence of these symptoms that we are seeing in pupils and parents who are testing positive.

Thank you very much for your continued support and please get in touch if we can help in any way.

Kind regards



Zoe Cannon