



The Shrubbery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for our second term of this current school year. May I wish you a happy new year and the hope that 2021 may eventually give us more freedom and hope to get back to normal – and not the ‘new normal.’

As you will be aware the Government has now made the decision to close Primary Schools in order to restrict the infection rate of the new strain of Coronavirus.

As a result, I would like to reassure you that we are fully set up to provide online learning via Google Classroom and Zoom. This will ensure that we can continue to provide your child’s education without any more breaks in their learning.

Depending on your child's year group their potential schedule will look slightly different, this is to ensure online teaching is tailored to each child's needs.

Nursery and Reception

Nursery will remain open in line with Government Guidance. However if you wish to keep your child at home, Mrs England and Miss Smith (Nursery) will provide online learning.

Both Nursery and Reception (Mrs Lusuardi) will provide a zoom session in the morning to introduce the day and conduct a well-being session with children. We believe it is important for your child to have daily contact with our staff so they are reassured in the event of further school disruptions.

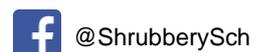
Children will be set individual tasks and learning activities that they can complete throughout the course of the day with additional input from parents/carers. Zoom sessions will also be provided for Story Time.

Please can all Nursery Parents email enquiries@shrubberyschool.co.uk by Wednesday 6th January to let us know if your child will be attending Nursery as normal or will require online learning.

Year 1 to Year 6

Children will have access to 100% of their conventional timetable. This will consist of a Maths and English and Topic session per day. Each of these will be delivered through a Zoom session with your child’s class teacher with a follow up task to be submitted back to the teacher on their Google Classroom Profile.

If your child has input from Mrs Hodgetts, she will provide small group and one to one zoom sessions with your child to provide additional support with their targeted work for the Continuum and/or support for their class learning.



Mr Griffin will be our new Joe Wicks! He will provide a daily session for you as a family to get involved in. This will be loaded on to your Google Classroom platform to enable you to access this as and when you wish to do so.

I am mindful that some parents have more than one child at The Shrubbery School, Zoom sessions will therefore be staggered across year groups in case children are sharing IT equipment. This is an example timetable:

Nursery and Reception	Zoom 9:30 – Good morning and introduce the day. Google Classroom activity. Zoom 1:30 – Story session and follow up activity.
Year 1	Zoom 10:00 - English, Zoom 11:00 - Maths, Zoom 12:30 - Topic
Year 2	Zoom 10:00 - English, Zoom 11:00 - Maths, Zoom 12:30 – Topic
Year 3	Zoom 9:30 - English, Zoom 10:30 - Maths, Zoom 1:30 – Topic
Year 4	Zoom 9:30 - English, Zoom 10:30 - Maths Zoom 1:30 – Topic
Year 5	Zoom 9:00 - English, Zoom 10:00 - Maths, Zoom 1:00 – Topic
Year 6	Zoom 9:00 - English, Zoom 10:00 - Maths, Zoom 1:00 - Topic

Mr Gingell will provide an ICT activity (Monday to Wednesday) for your child to carry out, to be scheduled within your child’s timetable which will be delivered via zoom to introduce the activity and then a task set. This will also be loaded on to your child’s Google Classroom. He will also be giving support should you be having any difficulties with your Google Classroom setup.

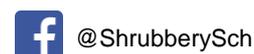
Madam Acton will provide us with French activities that again will be posted on to Google Classroom for you to access when it is convenient for your child to do so. This will not be introduced via a zoom session but she will provide a comprehensive explanation as to what your child needs to do for their task.

For those of you that are Keyworkers, may I also stipulate that the guidelines for provision, set by the Government, will be adhered to by the letter and you and your children will get the support needed to enable you to continue to do the duties requested by your employer. They will have lessons provided and support from staff in school, whilst maintaining safe distance regulations.

I hope this outline of our online learning content will re-assure you that your child’s learning is at the forefront of our planning and will commence from the first day of closure.

To reiterate our intended Zoom and Google Classroom content will cover:

- English
- Mathematics
- Topics
- Mental Arithmetic
- Well-being
- ICT
- French



PE activities

Parents and pupils will also have access to class teachers email and a chat stream on Google Classroom to ask questions and seek additional support. Nursery and Reception children also have Tapestry, where you can communicate with your child's teacher and share the wonderful experiences that you will be having at home.

Arrangements should be made directly with your child's teacher for extra lessons i.e. Speech and Drama, Piano and Guitar.

Please note Shrubs Club will not be running until further notice.

For those of you that are keyworkers, we ask that in the interests of safety and to keep pupil numbers in school to a minimum that you only send your children in to school when absolutely necessary. Please can you email enquiries@shrubberschool.co.uk to let us know that you need your child/children to attend with times and days required by Wednesday 6th January so we can arrange staffing. Both parents should meet the criteria of 'Key Worker' for pupils to need a place in school.

For Key Worker Parents of Pupils that will still be coming to school:

Can I please ask that all visitors wear a mask as soon as they enter the school drive, masks should remain on for the duration you are on school premises. Dropping or picking up children will also be limited to one adult; if you have secondary aged children, I request that they do not enter the school premises.

There will continue to be limited access to the school, therefore I would ask you to continue to telephone or email if you need to communicate with school. Emails should be addressed to the office if the enquiry is about school uniform, fees etc, or to your child's class teacher if the enquiry is around the school curriculum, your child's wellbeing etc.

We have also set up an additional cleaning schedule which our cleaners and caretakers will be signing off throughout the day to ensure that door handles, bathrooms and tables are sanitised more regularly. If you would like to send your child to school with their own pack of tissues and hand sanitiser, please feel free to do so. The regime of washing hands regularly when entering and exiting school and during the school day will remain a priority.

This is not the start I had hoped for but I still look forward to an exciting Spring Term.

Kind regards

Mrs A Lees



