

Dear Year 6 parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful, albeit unusual, Christmas! It seems such a long time ago now. While we are disappointed not to be able to welcome back all children, we understand that keeping as many children as possible at home is necessary in order to keep everyone safe. School continues to stay open for children of key workers but for the majority of our children we will be offering remote learning via Microsoft Teams from January 18th. Both children in school and at home will be following the same units of work across the subjects.

Remote learning lessons will begin at 8:45 in the morning and finish at 3pm. This will consist of some interaction with the teacher, video links and independent tasks. Teachers will also be able to offer some support during independent tasks if a child requires. Each week your child will need to submit one piece of English work through Microsoft teams. There will be a morning break (10:30-11:00), Lunchtime (12 -1) and an afternoon exercise break (2:00 – 2:30pm).

We will have one teacher in school at all times along with one TA. The other teacher will be assisting with the remote learning from home. Mr Ramsay and Mr Nicholls will alternate on a weekly basis between being in class at school and remote learning from home. Please keep in mind that this is new to us all and that there may be some challenges that we'll need to overcome after the first few days. However, I am confident that

any problems will be resolved and that this approach will be an effective learning platform for the children.

Please can you go over these live lesson rules with your child before Monday:

1. Please remember this is a lesson and you should behave as such at all times.
2. Please keep yourself on mute - your teacher can unmute you when needed.
3. Please be aware that you can be seen by everyone in year 6 including the teachers!
4. Raise your hand or write a message in chat if you have a question.
5. Always come to the lesson prepared and ready to begin on time. You will need a piece of paper and something to write with in all lessons.

Remember we are always at the end of an email and will aim to get back to you as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or your child has any issues accessing the work from home, please do not hesitate to contact us on one of the following emails:

d.ramsay@newtonleysprimary.org

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Thank you for your continued support and let's hope for the quickest possible return to normal school life.

Best wishes,

Mr Ramsay and Mr Nicholls.