



27th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Attached is a letter from Julian Wooster, Director of Children's Services, with information about remote learning. I have also attached the school calendar dates for 2021/22 academic year.

Parents/Carers Questionnaire

We very much hope that we are supporting all our learners, including our remote learners at home during these unprecedented times and would really value your feedback. Please click on the questionnaire link attached in the email message to let us know your thoughts. Thank you.

Places at school:

Our numbers in school are continuing to rise and we do ask, in the spirit of the guidance that all parents who have requested places, or are considering requesting places, under the umbrella of critical worker status, do so only on those days when children cannot be at home.

Please ensure school places are requested by email to tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk by 12pm each Wednesday for the following week.

February half-term:

Schools will close as usual over February half-term which is 15th – 19th February inclusive and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

Schools do not need to provide lunch parcels or vouchers during the February half-term. There is wider government support in place to support families and children outside of term-time through the [Covid Winter Grant Scheme](#). The £170 million scheme is being run by local authorities in England, with at least 80% of the funding earmarked to support with food and essential utility costs and will cover the period to the end of March 2021. It will allow local authorities to directly help the hardest-hit families and individuals over the winter period. Local authorities have local ties and knowledge, making them best placed to identify and help those children and families most in need.

Support for families:

[Further government support](#) is available for families struggling as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). If families need urgent help, they can [contact their local council](#) to find out what services are available in their area.

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Reporting cases:

If pupils attending school test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils attending school test positive having developed symptoms **within 48 hours** of being in school, please email the school urgently on tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk as the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Technology:

We have had a further delivery of equipment from Department for Education. Please let us know if you are struggling with devices, especially if there are a number of siblings sharing equipment at home or if you have storage problems with the school ipads. We can also loan out keyboards for use with Xboxes/Playstations.

In addition, there are connectivity packages available to those that need access to the internet. The UK's leading mobile operators can provide free data to help children get online as well as delivering 4G wireless routers for pupils without connection at home. Providers include EE, O2, Sky Mobile, Smarty, Tesco Mobile, Three, Virgin Mobile and Vodafone.

Please contact us if we can support further.

Kind regards



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