



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



8th January 2021

Spring Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you and your families are all well and have navigated this challenging first week of the year safely. We also hope you managed to enjoy some relaxing and happy family times over the Christmas break.

School Update

The school remains open to key workers and vulnerable children. We are at full capacity for this provision, so we wish to stress that this service is **only to be used by parents when there is no other alternative for your child to be home**. If you can have your child at home, that is the safest place for them. Also, should you be able to negotiate changes to your work pattern with your employer and no longer need a place here, please let us know immediately as we will be able to offer the place to another child.

Attached to this newsletter are details of our current online provision. Please take time to read the information carefully. Already this week, staff have reported that there has been a positive online presence from children. Staff are adapting their planning to ensure that the tasks in the classroom are identical or very similar to those set through online provision. Also new ways of assessing and providing feedback are being trialed and developed. As the letter states, we are constantly evaluating our provision and monitoring levels of interaction.

From Monday there will be a selection of exercise books and basic stationery for collection for any family who need it. Please use the hand gel and collect as needed.

Moving forward communication will be more important than ever. You can communicate with staff through Google Classroom and Tapestry. We ask you to be mindful about times of communication, and expectations for response times. Inquiries to the school can still be made through the phone number or the hello@shortlanesend.org.uk email address.

Fair Share Donations:

Mrs Ashton is continuing to deliver the Fair Share food to The Old Plough Pub on Thursdays at around 10:00am. As always, take what you want and queue responsibly.

Thank you again for all your patience and thoughtfulness this week. Staff fully appreciate the positive responses and messages we have received, and the understanding shown by parents of our situation and our need to make decisions based on a number of factors, many out of our control, concerning the safety of our school community. Thank you.

Please, have a restful weekend and stay safe and well.

