

Spring 1 Newsletter: Lockdown

Dear parents and carers,

As you are now aware, we have been directed by the Prime Minister to close schools to the majority of pupils until at least the February half-term. However, we will be delivering remote learning throughout this period, meaning your child will not miss out on their education.

Remote Learning

Our remote learning offer is detailed below.

Tuesday 5th January: staff will deliver a home learning pack to all children. These packs have reading, writing and maths activities to ensure your child continues to learn at home.

Monday 11th January: we will be using the internet to provide remote learning on Showbie. All children will receive a complete curriculum that is almost identical to the curriculum they would receive in school. This is to ensure that your children continue to learn and make good progress. Teachers will be checking children's work daily. If your child does not complete their work, their class teacher will be in contact with you.

Please ensure your child completes the learning they are set by their teacher every day. In the first week of lockdown (Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th) this will be a reading, writing and maths activity from their home learning packs. From Monday 11th January, all work will be set on Showbie.

Children who do not engage with the home learning set by school will inevitably begin to fall behind their peers. This lack of progress will have a seriously negative impact on your child's educational development.

What can parents do to help their children?

- Ensure children complete their remote learning for the day, every day.
- Encourage your child to read for a minimum of 15 minutes every day.
- Make use of the home learning section on the school website and access websites such as TT Rocks and the Transform Trust Home Learning website (<https://www.transform-trust.co.uk/>)
- Restrict non-educational screen time (gaming, youtube etc.).
- Promote healthy sleep patterns by encouraging them to start their schoolwork by 9:00 am.
- Encourage children to do as much physical activity as possible. Teachers will send links to fitness videos to help with this.

We understand that lockdown is a difficult time for families. By maintaining positive routines and ensuring your child completes their school work we can help your child continue to thrive.

Weekly Phone Calls

As with the last lockdown, staff will be ringing your children once a week, every week. Please encourage your child to speak with their teacher, even if it is briefly, as this will help us maintain our relationships and the Team Edale spirit!

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will still go ahead as planned on 9th and 10th February. This will be done on the telephone. Your child's class teacher will be in touch to book a date with you over the coming weeks.

Staffing – new Chair of Governors, Jackie Colley

Our new Chair of Governors, Jackie Colley, has written a message for all parents and carers. We are thrilled to have Jackie working with us in this capacity.

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone for 2021.

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Edale Rise. Although it is still difficult to meet people in the usual way, I am very much looking forward to getting to know all the parents and carers, children and staff at Edale.

Just to tell you a little about myself - I originate from Yorkshire, and except for periods in other parts of the Midlands and London area, have called Nottingham home for about thirty years now. I have 2 adult daughters one living in London who is very soon to have a second baby and a younger daughter who lives near us in Nottingham.

I originally trained as a Social Worker and went on to work in a range of divisions within Children and Young People's Services. My role pre-retirement was Head of Commissioning Derby City Council with a particular focus on vulnerable groups.

Post retirement and alongside working as an Independent Fostering Panel Chair, I trained part time as a Person-centred Psychotherapist at Nottingham University. My placements and work post qualifying, introduced me to working with clients who have experienced trauma through sexual violence including young people as well as working within the NHS. I am currently supporting clients who are bereaved or with life limiting illnesses, whilst offering individual and group clinical supervision to students and qualified therapists.

Bringing these accumulated skills to the table I have been a Governor and Vice Chair of Governors since 2015 at Whitegate School in Clifton, and am now enthusiastic about taking on a Chair of Governors position and working with all at Edale Rise.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Crosby
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