



'We Shine Here'

BRAMLEY SUNNYSIDE INFANT SCHOOL

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Remote Learning

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for all your phone calls and emails sent after the Government announcement on Monday. All staff have been teaching full time in classrooms this week and in addition have been working extremely hard preparing remote learning for children who are staying at home. We are extremely grateful for the positive comments and words of thanks and encouragement. We are also thrilled to receive the home learning which has been emailed into staff via the ks1teachers and fsteachers email accounts.

Due to the increase in children having to stay at home, communications have also increased. We have therefore created generic class teacher email accounts for you to contact teachers via.

The accounts are as follows...

Unit 1: Mrs Fitzgerald – unit1@bsi.school

Unit 2: Mrs Davies & Mrs Rothwell - unit2@bsi.school

Unit 3: Mrs Gilardoni – unit3@bsi.school

Unit 4: Mrs Mottram & Miss Holford - unit4@bsi.school

Class 5: Mrs French – class5@bsi.school

Class 6: Mrs Stothard – class6@bsi.school

Class 8: Mrs Rushton – class8@bsi.school

Class 9: Mrs Hanby & Mrs Somerset – class9@bsi.school

Class 10: Mrs Goulding – class10@bsi.school

We have received a number of queries from parents regarding remote learning and hope that this letter answers those.

Government guidance released on 7.1.2021 states:

'The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. The amount of remote education provided should be, as a minimum:

- ***Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day on average across the cohort, with less for younger children'***

‘Online video lessons do not necessarily need to be recorded by teaching staff at the school: Oak National Academy lessons, for example, can be provided in lieu of school led video content. ’

‘We expect schools to consider remote learning expectations in relation to the pupils’ age, stage of development or special educational needs, for example where this would place significant demands on parents’ help or support.’

‘Younger children in Key Stage 1 or Reception often require high levels of parental involvement to support their engagement with remote education, which makes digital provision a particular challenge for this age group. We therefore do not expect that solely digital means will be used to teach these pupils remotely ’

In response to this guidance, we will further develop the remote learning that has already been provided each week since returning to school in September.

Remote learning will:

- continue to be emailed weekly (Monday 11th January and thereafter on Fridays)
- contain recorded lessons from the Government recommended Oak National Academy, Ruth Miskin Phonics (from our Read, Write, Inc programme), White Rose Maths and Hungry Little Minds. We are also currently preparing staff recorded sessions.
- contain the scaffolds / work sheets needed to practise and apply the learning from the lesson
- not rely solely on digital means and will include practical tasks, especially for younger aged children

The remote learning that we are sending home each week is also being delivered to children who are attending school. We will email this remote learning to everyone, so that children attending full time can re-visit it at home if they wish to do so. Children who are attending school part time can also continue the week’s learning at home.

Once you have completed the remote learning, if there are additional learning experiences that you have undertaken, you are welcome to share these with us too.

Staff will be available to respond to any queries about remote learning and to also offer feedback by contacting them in the first instance via the class email account (see above for new addresses). If you require a member of staff to contact you by phone, please request this via the email account also.

If you do not have access to a printer or are unable to complete scaffolds / work sheets electronically, please contact us and we can provide paper copies of all the scaffolds / worksheets that we have emailed.

Please continue to share your child’s learning via email once completed. Staff will check these accounts daily.

If, as a household, you do not have enough data allowance to access on line learning and / or are not able to email completed learning back to teachers, some mobile phone companies are offering increased data packages to help with this. Currently, we understand that this is only for children in Year 3 upwards, but if you have an older sibling in a Junior or secondary school, you may wish to contact their school directly to find out more.

Reading remains vitally important; please continue to read regularly with your child, whether that is books online or books from home. Remember to record it in the home school diary.

Recorded lessons allow younger children to access learning, whilst working at their own pace allowing you to pause the content when needed and revisit the lesson as frequently as you wish. Recorded lessons will also allow you to choose when you access the learning with your child; we are conscious that many parents are still working from home themselves.

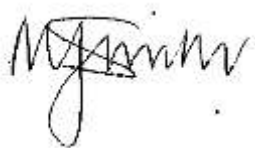
We appreciate that this is a time of great challenge to all of us and we have appreciated parents who have chosen to contact us directly with their queries and concerns as opposed to posting unhelpful and sometimes hurtful comments on social media sites.

The whole school staff continue to be committed to delivering the best possible learning to the children whether that be at home or in school.

Next week, Teachers will also contact parents of children currently not in school via a 'Keeping in touch' telephone call.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding of the challenges everyone is facing.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Mary Smith', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mrs Mary Smith
Head teacher