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Dear Parents,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year as we venture into 2021, with yet more complications.

Firstly, apologies for the length of this letter which will contain hopefully all the information you will need for this lockdown period. This is not the start we had hoped for, and as a result of last night's announcement, we find ourselves in severe lockdown restrictions once again.

As you know we are now offering a blended learning platform with live input daily for each class, which most of you are familiar with as you have been using it for homework. This means that teachers will be dedicated to providing the best education we can, under the circumstances during the next 6 weeks.

Secondly, the new strain of COVID 19 is posing a greater threat. Therefore, the number of pupils on school premises and opportunity to mix needs to be at a minimum. Key worker care will be provided by the teaching assistants during this time.

I know this is a very difficult time for families. But In order to make sure that we keep the new strain out of Broadbottom the following priority will be applied for care provision.

Places will be offered in the following order: -

To single parents who are keyworkers and parents where both members are from any of the following groups: -

1. NHS
2. Emergency Services
3. Education
4. Food

To clarify if one of your household is a keyworker and the other is not, you will not be offered a place. Please speak to your employer who has a duty of care to support you during this difficult time.

Evidence of your keyworker status from the above four categories will be required before a place is granted, and a copy of your work rota. This will need to be e-mailed to admin@broadbottom.tameside.sch.uk by 2pm today. This approach is to ensure that children are only on site when their parents are in the workplace.

Thirdly, blended learning will commence for the whole school tomorrow. All passwords have previously been allocated via e-mail. If you are unable to find yours, contact your child's class teacher on class dojo.

Attached is the multiple bubble plan which provides you with the schedules for each class, please try to access this learning regularly. If you are experiencing any resistance with your child and require some support from the class teacher, please again contact them via dojo.

The timetable is also available to view from Google Classrooms main page and on the school website front page in the News Section.

During the school day your child should 'turn in' their work once it is completed. Whilst the teacher will not have their camera on during the independent part of the lesson, they will be available for children to speak to them via, 'hands up'.

For live access, you will see on the class stream page (which is the main page that Google Classrooms opens on) a button which will appear underneath the class name. This is known as the meet link. And is hyperlinked. To join the live streaming click on this and you should be able to see everyone. Make sure your video is on.

Wednesday morning, the class teacher will be running through some access support with children to help guide them through using the system. Luckily, pupils have had time to familiarise themselves with the platform since October as we have been using it for homework.

Fourthly, Free School Meals will still be available for eligible families and as yet we await confirmation of how this will be rolled out. Once we are in receipt of this information we will be in touch with families.

Fifth, in addition to the remote offer available daily on Google Classrooms, there is also lots of online resources that you can access from our school website. BBC Bitesize is particularly good and Oak Academy.

Finally, we are desperately disappointed that we find ourselves in this situation once again and thank you for your understanding and support. As always, we are here for advice, please do not hesitate in getting in touch at any point, your wellbeing continues to be a school priority. The use of Google Classrooms should alleviate some anxieties as children will be able to see their class teacher daily and have a routine in place. If you require any other support, we will try our very best to help.

Please take care and stay healthy and let's hope that as we move towards Spring, we can offer face to face learning again and come back together as our school community. We have done this together before I'm sure we can do this again.

Very Best Wishes to All of You

From Mrs Marrow & The Broadbottom Team

Blended Learning Offer – Multiple Bubbles

This plan is for a multiple bubble closure. If one bubble is affected, please refer to the single bubble teaching procedure.

In the following planning, we need to consider that families may only have one device and therefore more independent work will occur.

Time	Blue Class	Red Class	Green Class	Purple Class
9am	Live English Input			
9:15	Independent work	Live English Input		
9:30		Independent work	Live English Input	
9:45			Independent work	Live English Input
10 am	Break			Independent work
10:15		Break		
10:30	Live Maths Input		Break	
10:45	Independent work	Live Maths Input		Break
11:00		Independent work	Live Maths Input	
11:15			Independent work	Live Maths Input
11:30	Independent Grammar work			Independent work
11:45		Independent Grammar work		
12:00	Lunch		Lunch	
12:15		Lunch		Lunch
12:30				
12:45				
1:00		Live Topic Input		Independent Phonics/Spelling
1:15	Independent work	Live Topic Input		Independent Phonics/Spelling
1:30		Independent work	Live Topic Input	Independent Phonics/Spelling
1:45			Independent work	Live Topic Input
2:00	Break			Independent work
2:15		Break		
2:30	Ind Maths Key skills/Passport		Break	
2:45		Maths key skills/passport		Break
3:00	End of day		Live/recorded Story	
3:15		End of day	End of day	Live/recorded Story
				End of day