



HAPPY NEW YEAR

2021 may not have started quite as we all would have hoped, but nonetheless we all wish you the best for the year ahead. Thank you to all our parents and carers who sent in seasonal gifts for the staff; it is kind of you and very much appreciated.

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to keep the school up to date with any new contact details. If you have changed your phone number, email address or if you need to change your emergency contact please inform the School Office.

GOVERNMENT ACCESS TO COMPUTERS

All primary schools in England will be able to order laptops and tablets by 15th January

We have had some questions about devices that schools have been provided with to support Remote Learning. To date Ewell Grove has not received one device from any external agency and therefore has nothing that can be loaned.

This week we have been advised that the DfE will contact all primary schools in England by 15th January at the latest, starting with the most disadvantaged areas, to invite them to order devices.

PROVIDING THE BEST LEARNING POSSIBLE FOR ALL CHILDREN

In communications with the school there seems to be a misunderstanding that children in school are being given an enhanced curriculum offer to those learning remotely. Teachers are currently working two systems and their time is divided equitably between both. The feedback currently being given to children learning at home takes several hours per day. This week we started our Class Meeting on Google Classroom which we plan to extend. To accommodate this in their working hours, children in school work independently, albeit supervised by an adult. The purpose of having children in school is not to provide them with more education, it is to ensure children of Critical Workers are supervised safely whilst they work.

CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL

School Uniform/PE Kit - from Monday 11th January we will revert back to the system as in the table below 'When to Arrive at School in PE Kit'.

Book bags and Black School Bags – from Monday 11th January must only be brought in on book changing days which are **Mondays** and **Thursdays**.

WHEN TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL IN PE KIT

Reception	Monday	Friday
Year 1	Wednesday	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Monday	Thursday
Year 4	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6	Thursday	Friday

WHOLE SCHOOL HOME LEARNING

The Spring Term^{2a} Home Learning will be available on Google Classroom from Monday 11th January and should be completed by Monday 22nd February.

LEARNING FROM HOME AND CLASS MEETINGS

Lessons Learnt This Week

We do want all children to attend the Class Meetings, however, we do appreciate that there are times when this might not be possible due to other commitments at the scheduled time. If you are not able to attend we will need to see evidence of your child completing and submitted work set for the day. Please see the item below from the Coronavirus Act 2020.

It remains a parent's duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age receives a suitable education in whatever way they can under section 7 of the Act and state-funded schools are required to provide remote education to pupils who are not attending in certain circumstances by virtue of the Coronavirus Act 2020 Provision of Remote Education (England) Temporary Continuity Direction 2020 made on 30th September 2020.

- Children will only be admitted into Class Meetings where their own name shows; not parent's name or any other bespoke name!
- We have plans to further upgrade our internet connectivity to improve Remote Learning connections; hopefully this will allow us to see all children on the screen.
- All classes will post the week's learning on **Monday by 8:15 am** with different coloured highlights to indicate which work applies to which day of the week.
- We appreciate some families are finding uploading by 3:30pm challenging, please feel free to post later; but your feedback may also be delayed.
- We are working on a system to support reading, with a book exchange – further details will follow.

Lessons Learnt from Class Meetings

- Chromebooks appear to have less issues when used with Chrome as opposed to Safari.
- You **MUST** ensure all other family accounts are fully logged out of before entering Google Classroom; it may be easier to facilitate this by different family members using different internet browsers.
- If you are asked to provide a code please copy and paste the code at the end of the link – see attached example.

FRUIT FOR EARLY YEARS AND KS1

Unfortunately, the government funded supply of fruit for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 has been suspended due to the current situation.

We are happy for you to send in your child with a piece of fruit until the service is resumed.