



Coronavirus update, Home Learning and Communication

Dear Parent

In the last few days some of our pupils and their families have spent time at home in 'self-isolation' as a precautionary measure. This has been due to the fact that a Roecliffe pupil or a family member has suspected coronavirus symptoms, or that a family member has an underlying health condition which makes them vulnerable to a virus such as the Covid-19. We would like to make clear our appreciation for the proactive steps taken by these families who have promptly informed us of their situation and the measures they are taking in order to minimise risk to others, at school and elsewhere.

We would like to remind all our families that current guidance is that if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house displayed symptoms. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection being passed on to others in the community from that household. For anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.

If any family member starts displaying symptoms, please inform us at school and follow the advice above. Please use this link for more information. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Home Learning

The school is keen to provide our pupils and their families with some 'sense of normality' in these unprecedented times.

We are providing learning activities and revision on Google Classroom and Tapestry from Thursday 19th March, for those pupils currently not able to be in school.

If the school closes, work and activities will be available for your child by 9.30am each day (Mon-Fri) in reading, writing and maths and may also include some topic work.

Miss Clarke, Miss Harrison and Mrs Kerr will provide online learning activities for pupils in Classes 2, 3 and 4 on Google Classroom. Pupils' usernames and passwords to access Google Classroom have been stuck inside the front cover of home-school contact books. We have recently asked parents to notify the school if online access was difficult as we may be able to help. Please let us know if this is the case.

Pupils in Classes 2, 3 and 4 will be directed to complete their work in their homework book or online. Pupils in these classes have been taught how to communicate through the Stream facility on Google Classroom where they can ask questions to one another as well as upload and share their work with each other and the class teacher. Where possible, your child's teacher will provide feedback through comments in the Stream facility of Google Classroom.

Pupils in Classes 3 and 4 have also been taught how to 'share' their work when working on a document or slide presentation and can do this with one another and the teacher in this way too.

We understand that Google Classroom is new to many of our parents and that this amount of information may be a little overwhelming! The children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 have been working digitally in this way for a number of months and we feel that most of the children will be able to use Google Classroom confidently

at home. We aim to provide you with a homemade Google Classroom parent guide as soon as possible to help you along!

The teachers will organise your child's work and activities in a simple system which displays the date the work has been set with clear instructions and expectations. In anticipation of the school potentially closing in the foreseeable future, all pupils will take their homework book, home-school contact book and reading books home on Friday 20th March. These should then be brought back into school each day, for as long as school remains open.

Miss Barron and Mrs Chapman will keep in touch with Class 1 parents regarding their learning through the EYFS online learning journey tool, Tapestry. Learning activities will be posted and will provide explanations to guide you through what to do. We would love to receive your posts showing what you have been up to at home and Miss Barron and Mrs Chapman will provide feedback.

In addition to the above, parents may also be aware of 'Twinkl' which is an online site of teaching resources and assessment materials used by teachers and educators globally. If you wish to access Twinkl's teaching resources during the period of time in which school is closed, the site is offering one month's free access/membership at www.twinkl.co.uk/offer.

The code for this offer is UKTWINKLHELPS. There are a number of helpful guides designed for parents covering different areas of the curriculum. The [Parents' Hub](#) contains hundreds of educational activities designed for use at home. For parents with children in EYFS there is a devoted area for you in the [EYFS for Parents area](#) to find some really useful guides and activities. The '[5-11 area](#)' was created with parents in mind and is filled with guides and information about what children should be learning in each year group, for each curriculum area.

There are many opportunities for our pupils to learn online, and in school we aim to balance the amount of work recorded by pupils digitally and on paper, in addition to practical activities. We would ask that parents bear this in mind in the coming weeks if pupils are completing their work at home - 'everything in moderation'! Please also bear in mind that children should always access the internet with the supervision of a responsible adult.

Communication

In the event of a school closure, parents will be able to directly email any school-related queries to Mrs Briggs at lesley.briggs@roeliffeschool.co.uk.

Any home learning queries for staff members should be directed to class teachers. Miss Barron can be contacted through posting your query on Tapestry and also by emailing her on chloe.barron@roeliffeschool.co.uk.

Class 2 parents may contact Miss Harrison directly on emma.harrison@roeliffeschool.co.uk

Class 3 parents may contact Miss Clarke directly on hannah.clarke@roeliffeschool.co.uk

Class 4 parents may contact Mrs Kerr directly on jane.kerr@roeliffeschool.co.uk

Any school updates will be emailed out to parents and will be available to read on the home page of our school website. www.roeliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk. Please access these updates by clicking on the Latest News tab and then click on 'Coronavirus - School Measures and Advice'.

As ever, our priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of all our pupils and we are here to help and support our families. For this reason, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns and email these to Mrs Jones using the email address above.

Sharing golden moments with you

Last Friday the school took the decision to postpone and cancel its involvement with groups of adults and children on and off site and to limit the number of visitors to the school. Sadly, our planned events will not be attended by our families.

We are determined to continue to provide enjoyment and enrichment for the children and so we are holding a netball tournament of our own at school, a Shakespeare performance for the rest of the school and an Easter service within school led by Rev Karen. All of these events will be filmed so that we can share these moments with you on our school website. Please look out for these 'golden moments' on the home page of the school website soon!

In Collective Worship this week we have reflected on Nelson Mandela's quote - 'May your choices reflect your **hopes**, not your fears.'

Please take care and look after one another,
Mrs Briggs