

The Harlington & Sundon Academy Trust



'LEARNING FOR LIFE'

8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has certainly been a week of changes! Over the past few days we have rapidly provided school provision for vulnerable children and critical key workers (VCKW) who are unable to keep their children at home, for both schools within our Academy as well as establishing our remote learning provision. Thank you for all your positive messages and thanks, it really gives us a boost to know that you appreciate how schools have had to show flexibility and adapt to the evolving National situation. Let us continue to work together and support our school community.

We have been overwhelmed by demand for places for our VCKW provision and have now reached full capacity. This means that all staff are in school supporting children's learning as well as supporting children through remote learning. For school provision can I remind parents that this provision is for critical key workers so please **only** send in your children on the days/ sessions that you requested when you are working and not the full 5 days if you only need provision for part time /shift patterns and have no other adult at home to care for your child. We have found like all schools across the country, demand for places has hugely increased compared to the first national lockdown. We continue to have all our preventative control measures in place and regularly review our risk assessment so that children and staff can be safe. By everyone continuing to follow Government guidance and the roll out of vaccinations we hope transmission rates will begin to decrease. However, in order to contribute to the success of this lockdown in reducing the spread of Coronavirus, where children can stay at home they should do so.

Over the past two days, many of you have been engaging pro- actively with your child's remote learning. A big well done to you all, and an on- going reminder to ask questions if you need any support. Senior Leaders have worked together and we are able to share our Remote Learning Plan as attached and also on our website. This will be reviewed weekly and will continue to evolve over the coming weeks. Our remote learning offer allows flexibility; work will be emailed to you for the week ahead via class email accounts and zoom sessions are at different times to support different aged siblings. Take advantage of the flexibility and please do not overwhelm yourself with unrealistic expectations. Please feedback so that we this is working well and we will continue to further improve our approaches and strategies. Learning must be submitted to your class teacher so that we can ensure their continued progress. Our comprehensive learning plan also offers many online learning platforms which offer children opportunities to enjoy and achieve in their learning. We will continue to update you with developments.

Thank you once again for your continued support and let us remain safe and positive during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C White', on a light blue background.

Mrs C White
Head Teacher