



### **News: our school during COVID-19.**

As our school continues to follow Welsh Government requirements, remaining open for children of critical workers as well as vulnerable learners, staff would like to thank all our critical worker parents/carers who are **only** sending their children to school when it is absolutely necessary.

Following updated instructions from county, parents/carers need to **book a place for their child weekly** (by midday on Friday for the following week). If a critical worker is only working for part of a day they should book for those hours **only** please, and drop off/pick up children at the door onto the staff carpark if they need to do so at a time **other than the usual start/end of the school day.**

**Message from the Foundation Phase team:** it has been lovely to see so many pupils accessing our daily check in meetings on 'Teams'. We look forward to seeing many more children join us next week. **May we just take the opportunity to remind parents to join the check in meetings at their chosen time and to leave the meeting once the meeting has finished.**

If your child is still unable to access the teams meetings please contact your child's class teacher.

**Message from Key Stage 2 team:** we have also been pleased to see so many pupils accessing our daily check in meetings on 'Teams'. Please only send photos of work completed on Teams chats as it is becoming very difficult to find your work and we try to feedback as quickly as we can- not easy if we are having to trawl through lots of conversations not related to school. We also need to ask that you do not make calls on Teams chats with each other, without the presence of a teacher. **Only join the check in chats when we are supervising the calls or if we have invited you to a live lesson.** You are doing an amazing job of distance learning and we look forward to hearing from you all again **daily** next week.

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### **Information**

Although parents are not expected to be teachers, there is an expectation from county that children should be **checking in with their teacher once every day** and following the work set for them. We appreciate how difficult this is for many of you. We're trying hard to make the situation easier, offering your child a range of teacher check-in times and lending IT equipment to families who need it. If you have other suggestions (or ANY queries) please e-mail your child's class teacher. **NB: Because staff are supporting children in school at the same time as we support distance learning, we may not be able to respond immediately to e-mails. We also ask that you do not expect staff to respond to e-mails outside school hours.**

All Key Stage 2 pupils should be able to access their learning without adult help; they log on to HWB regularly in school without support and all practised e-mailing their teacher whilst in school. Younger children may need more help.

Details of your child/ren's distance learning can be found on the school website inside their class folder. General information about distance learning can be found in the 'Home Learning' folder. Plans for next week's learning will be uploaded into your child's class folder by 3.30pm each Friday. E-mail your child's class teacher if you need more help.

Because we have been able to lend out IT equipment we hope that most families will not need work printed out for them. However, if you have tried to access work on-line, and have contacted your child's teacher for help but are still unable to access work, please e-mail your child's teacher to request paper packs. Please be aware that most learning activities have been designed so they **do not** require work to be printed out. The evidence that your child is completing their work should be in your child's HWB folder, on Teams or sent by e-mail as they complete work on-line. This helps teachers to respond to your child's work effectively. If you do request hard copies of work we ask that you send a photo of your child's completed work to their teacher as an e-mail please. If your child requires reading books, please e-mail your child's teacher.

We understand that County Education Welfare Officers may be contacting families if teachers do not have evidence that children are engaging in their learning and being seen regularly by their teachers.

We still have some **IT equipment** available to lend out. Please contact the office if you would like more details.

Like other pre-school settings in Wales, our Children's Centre has received separate guidance from Welsh Government and county which is why it is now open to all children.

Our first **Celebration Assembly**, highlighting our children's work this week, will be uploaded onto Facebook by this Friday morning.

**Updated live Teams meeting 'check-in chats' timetable from 13/01/2021.**

The times below are opportunities for your child to check in on a live Teams meeting with their class teacher. **County expects your child to attend ONE of these meetings every day.** Please note the changes to some times at the end of the day due to staff meetings.

	8.20 am	8.30 am	8.40 am	9.00 am	12.00 pm	12.20 pm	12.30 pm	12.40 pm	2.50 pm	3.00 pm	3.10 pm
R			x		x					x	
Y1		x				x			x		
Y2		x				x			x		
Y3	x				x						x
Y4	x						x				x
Y5	x							x		x	
Y6	x							x		x	
RBSC				x			x				

**Please make sure that your child does not access Teams chats with other children without the presence of a teacher. Children should join the check in chats when we are supervising the calls or if we have invited them to a live lesson.**

Some of these times are outside normal school opening hours in an attempt to offer families more flexibility. We do not expect any child to attend more than one in a day.

A 'how to access Teams meetings' guide can be found on the 'Home Learning' section of our school website ([www.knighton.powys.sch.uk](http://www.knighton.powys.sch.uk)) along with other useful information about distance learning at Knighton Primary including teachers' contact e-mail addresses.

As always, if you have any problems accessing these meetings, or any other distance learning, please e-mail your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and to our families who are following COVID guidelines. Hopefully this will help us all return to 'normal' as soon as possible.