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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by wishing all of you the very best for 2021 and hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas period. As you know from our text yesterday, we were looking forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday. Unfortunately, developments since then have meant that we now have to make the very difficult decision to move to Remote Learning from Tuesday 5th January and until Monday 18th January, however we will review our plans at the end of each week.

As you know, up until the week before Christmas, our children had uninterrupted education during the Autumn Term and our Remote Learning plan did not need to be used other than for individual pupils who needed to self-isolate. Children worked so hard and progressed well, putting them in a good position to tackle remote learning lessons during the next two weeks with confidence. A great deal of work has gone into creating a remote learning plan that will ensure children still feel in touch with their class teacher, lessons are planned to meet the range of abilities across a class and to make the lessons as straight forward as possible for parents/carers to plan these into their day. We will ensure every day also that support is available for your child through daily Zoom meetings with their teachers.

A summary of our remote learning plan is as follows (I have also attached the full policy which gives more detail):

- Daily Maths and English lesson videos created by the teachers. Where we have different groups for Maths in Years 4, 5 and 6, these children will receive the appropriate lesson for their group, created by their usual teacher. As these are videos and not live-streamed, it means your child can access these where this fits in with plans for the rest of the family. These lessons will be sent out the night before so that they can be accessed the next morning.
- Video lessons for other subjects that week, again created by the Class Teachers.
- Parents/Carers or older pupils themselves can take a photo of completed work and send this back to teachers via Class Dojo. Please also let your child's Class Teacher if your child has had difficulty with a particular concept, particularly in Maths. This will support the Teacher in future lesson planning, where some concepts/skills may need to be reinforced.
- Class Teachers will send your child feedback about their work via Class Dojo.



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- A daily Zoom meeting for the class will be planned by the Class Teacher, usually around 3pm (this time will be confirmed by Class Teachers) to check in with their class and answer any questions about the day's work.
- We will arrange a way of getting exercise books out to our families during the next two days – more details about this tomorrow. These books should be sent back in with children when they return to school.
- Please let Class Teachers know as soon as possible if you would prefer a paper pack of lesson plans. If we can assist with technology, please let us know also as we may be able to loan out further lap tops or ipads.

Key Worker pupils and those classed as Vulnerable Pupils

All of our staff will be in school during the next two weeks. Once we know what numbers of Key Worker and Vulnerable pupils we will have in, we will arrange these groups and send further information to these parents/carers tomorrow afternoon. We are planning to keep them within their usual year group bubbles and with their usual Teachers but are unable to confirm plans until we are aware of the numbers involved. Support staff will be allocated to each group to allow teachers to work on remote lesson planning and host daily Zoom meetings. Key worker and Vulnerable pupils will be able to attend school from Tuesday 5th January.

Please see the attached sheet which gives the criteria for Key Workers and Vulnerable pupils. I will email a form shortly which should be completed if this applies to you and you wish your child to attend school. Please email the completed form to us at info@oustonprimary.org.uk by 1pm tomorrow.

Please contact us by email or telephone tomorrow if you require any further information or if we can support in any way. We know this is a huge challenge for parents/carers, particularly with the very short notice given. This is not how we had hoped to start the new year and we will continue to review our plans and move towards a full re-opening as soon as we can.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle
Headteacher



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