



Sheerness West Federation Week Ahead 18 January 2021



Federation Message from Mr Cooper ...

As we reach the end of the second week of home learning we'd like to say thank you for your support and engagement. We understand having children at home doing school work can be extremely challenging, and the mental health and well-being of the children and your family always comes first....but the more that we can keep them going, seeing their teacher and keep them learning, the quicker the time will pass...and the less negative impact it will have on their education. Please use class dojo for the children to ask for help when they are stuck or unsure of what to do, or if you have any other problem that the staff can help with. Parents can still call the school office should they wish to speak to a member of staff and we will try our best to call you back as soon as possible.

Keeping well-being in mind you **may receive a phone call** from your child's teacher or another staff member as we strive to ensure all our children and families are engaged and supported. This may well be from home, so if you will see **No Caller ID** appear it is probably school calling...so please answer and hang up if not! Thank you.

Please make sure that you read through the home learning guide that was sent out this week for support and let us know if we can help you with accessing the online lessons or in supporting you with the work we have set. That is what we are here for. We have already provided some children with devices to use at home. **If you require a device we have a limited number available, please contact the office to be placed on a waiting list.** Please do not suffer in silence. For those of you using paper learning packs work for weeks 3 & 4 is available, please contact the office to request a pack.

Thank you for all those critical workers who completed the recent surveys **we can confirm that we can accommodate all the requests that you have made and within the groups we have planned from Monday 18th January.**

Please all note our suggestion that you **go to the local mass testing centre and get your child/family tested before they come to school and preferably every 14 days**, as regularly as you are allowed. Obviously let us know via class dojo if you were to test positive. This means that school can be as safe as possible. The staff are all being advised to do the same.

The next survey will be open from the week commencing 25th January, please ensure you complete this should you need a place for the weeks beginning 1st February and 8th February.

With regards to Free School Meal vouchers we are waiting for guidance from the DfE for the National Scheme which is supposed to be following soon. In the meantime we have supplied vouchers to those who are eligible, please contact the office if you have any issues.

School Nursery Parents Only – The guidance for school- maintained nurseries has been adjusted. **Thank you to all those who responded, you have places starting from Monday 18th January.** If you hadn't realised the Nurseries were open and would like your child to have a place, please let us know asap...and we will make separate arrangements for them to start as soon as we can manage.

(The rest of the guidance has not changed and children in other year groups can only attend if they are a child of a critical worker or you have been informed by school that they fall into the vulnerable category. A further survey will come out on Monday 25th January with places available from Monday 1st February.)

This week's letters/emails sent and on our website (<http://www.rose-street.kent.sch.uk/>) and (<http://www.west-minster.kent.sch.uk/>) were:

- Critical worker survey (Published on 11 January)
- Home and remote learning- Parent and child guide (Published on 12 January)
- School places update (Published on 14 January)

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 18th January – New starting date for those critical worker children/Nursery children who have had their places confirmed to attend school
- Monday 25th January - Next Survey will come out for critical workers/Nursery parents to request a place for their child in school the following week
- Monday 1st February – Next new starting date for any new critical worker children to attend as required
- Friday 12th February – End of Term 3
- Monday 22nd February – Start of Term 4