



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

We are incredibly grateful for the many messages and supportive emails we have received this week, and we thank you so much for your support and patience during what has been a very difficult, anxious week for all of us. We have all had to adapt very quickly back to a national lockdown and remote learning, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say a massive well done and thank you for engaging so brilliantly with our new learning platform.

We understand and appreciate that many of you will have home / work life circumstances that make remote learning challenging. There is clear Government guidance and expectations about this for schools, and we will do all we can to help you with this. We know for some families that supporting children with their remote learning will have to fit around work commitments, and we would like to reassure you that all work submitted / uploaded will be looked at by the teacher and, where possible, commented on. We are also recording messages and posting videos to support learning which can be accessed at times to suit you.

The teachers have worked tirelessly this week to facilitate remote learning, live learning and interaction through the Google Classroom platform. I know that the teachers and children have found it really lovely to be able to see each other, and we cannot thank parents enough for supporting their children in accessing this.

Learning and IT Support

If you have any concerns about helping your child learn, accessing Google Classroom, or you need any other support from the school, please let us know, either by emailing the School Office or contacting your class teacher directly. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

If you are facing significant challenges with your IT equipment, please let us know. We have loaned a number of Chromebooks to different families, and are hoping we may be able to source some more, and therefore help additional families. We had high initial demand for these and have allocated Chromebooks to who we can.

Critical Work Provision Request

On Monday, we will be sending out a Critical Worker Provision request form to complete. This is for parents who are critical workers to select the provision that is needed from 18th January up to half term. We appreciate that this may change for some of you as work patterns alter, but would ask you to let us know as soon as possible if you don't need your booked place, or need another day.



Community Hub Support for Families in Need

The Community Hub, which was set up in March 2020, gives practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, which could include the provision of food and essential household supplies. Contact is totally confidential and is available seven days a week between 8am and 8pm when staff will be on hand to respond to enquiries.

You can find more information and request support online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub or to speak to someone call 033 022 27980.

Please stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes
Becky Linford
Head Teacher

