



15th January, 2021

Dear Parents,

Critical Worker (CW) Requests

Please can any requests or queries about Critical Worker bubble spaces be directed to the office staff (covid@ctkcps.com) and not directly to the teaching / bubble supervisors. Places for CW places have soared this lockdown and we are under great pressure due to demand. We have to ensure we keep the children and staff on site safe; we work within the control measures within our Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

Hand and Respiratory Hygiene

Please continue to check and remind your children of the following on a regular basis:

- to continue to regularly wash hands for 20 seconds
- cough or sneeze into arm or tissue
- keep distance
- practise good listening skills with expectation to follow instruction immediately

If the children are used to these routine practices then they will return to school more safely, seamlessly and ready to learn. This is so important when the children are in school mixing with pupils from other households and staff.

Acceptable Use of Live Lesson Agreement

Please find attached a copy of the CAST Acceptable Use of Live Streamed Lesson Agreement and we ask that you return a signed copy without delay.

You should be able to sign and return a copy of the agreement, however, if you are unable to do this please just return the document via email adding your child's name and class to the email.

Please return to class teachers via their emails as listed below:

Reception	ali.davies@ctkcps.com	heather.greenwood@ctkcps.com
Year 1	Esther.luford@ctkcps.com	jodie.warr@ctkcps.com
Year 2	rachel.sargeant@ctkcps.com	helena.atkinson@ctkcps.com
Year 3	rachelle.kent@ctkcps.com	sarah.roberts@ctkcps.com
Year 4	kerry.osullivan@ctkcps.com	leanne.walker@ctkcps.com
Year 5	melanie.lord@ctkcps.com	daniel.smith@ctkcps.com
Year 6	hayley.ayton@ctkcps.com	callum.cooper@ctkcps.com

This is non-negotiable and we expect all children to take part on the understanding that this code is abided by. Any pupil who disregards this code may lose the opportunity to take part in future live sessions.

Parents should always know when live-lessons are taking place, and should show themselves on camera at the beginning of the lesson to show us that you are present. There will always be two members of staff during any live sessions and staff will remind pupils of the expectations for behaviour – e.g. pupils are sitting still in a family room (e.g. Kitchen or living room) and always are muted when they enter a virtual room.

Engaging in live sessions helps to engage our pupils in their remote learning and also helps them to connect with their friends – it is certainly good for learning and wellbeing.

Laptops and WiFi Access

It is imperative that we know if your child does not have access to a laptop or wifi so that they can access their remote learning. Your child is significantly disadvantaged if you do not have a suitable device or access to the internet – let us know urgently by phoning the office or messaging the teacher please. We are in the process of loaning out 15 new devices and hope to order more through the DfE support for schools.

Did you know that you can also access Google Classroom via @Xbox and @PlayStation consoles?



Engagement with Learning

Whether the children are in school or at home they all have the same entitlement to an education and therefore we continue to urge parents to support the remote learning that the teachers are preparing for your children. We have to record pupil engagement and report it in the same way that we record each pupil's attendance in school. If they don't engage and complete the assignments then the pupils will fall behind their peers and be disadvantaged in their future learning. In Upper KS2 we are very proud that we have 90%+ pupils engaging. In some classes still only 50% are

completing the tasks and some children are not engaging at all. Remote learning is not an option – it is each child's entitlement.

Teachers will follow up non engagement initially with a phone call; if there is no improvement they will pass their concerns onto the pastoral team who will contact you to identify the barriers and support you need to ensure our shared commitment to your child's education.

This week the teachers have worked hard to ensure that pre-recorded video lessons are prepared for core lesson inputs in Maths and English – we are also using a mixture of videos from Oak Academy and Read Write Inc to supplement the work that the teachers are doing.

Teachers will provide paper copies of learning for you to collect from the office – please give notice so that we can prepare these quickly for you.

If you are needing additional learning resources at home to support your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will loan what we can to make the learning easier and more accessible.

Free School Meals

Thank you to Mrs Moore who has organised food hampers for our families who are entitled to free school meals. It is quite a task to organise these hampers and we are grateful to the families who have been able to collect theirs this week.

Staffing

We are currently working with a reduced staffing capacity due to staff illness and absence, so we ask for your patience and understanding as teachers work together to support all the children within their year groups. Teachers who are well and currently working will actively communicate with you via Tapestry or Google Classroom or you will see them on live sessions. Please keep our staff in your prayers that they all remain well.

Let Us Pray



We continue to pray for each and every one of you, your families, your loved ones and all in our community, especially those loved ones who have become ill with COVID-19 and who have sadly required hospital intervention.

*Let us pray
We pray for courage where there is fear,
Patience with those around us,
Hope where there is despair,
Faith in each other and God's loving protection,
Love in all our actions and thoughts.
May we all be blessed with strong hearts and minds.
Amen.*

And finally,

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all try our hardest to face this challenging time with faith, hope and determination to keep our commitment to keep our community safe, to keep our children learning and to shine God's love into the world.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Tickel

Headteacher

faith
hope
love