



### Remote Learning Behaviour

Whilst we all adjust to this new normal of working remotely for the majority, we will face different challenges along the way and have to navigate them as we go. One such challenge is the behaviour of a very small number of pupils during our daily zoom sessions.

It has been reported that some pupils are behaving in a way that that they would not, if they were in school. I appreciate that this way of working was a novelty initially but now we are into the rhythm of things, I expect all children to behave appropriately.

To clarify, children should:

- be dressed appropriately
- not be eating their breakfast
- remain muted if their teacher asks them to be
- respond appropriately to questions
- not use any of the Zoom tools to add filters to their screens unless asked to.

Please can I also remind other family members to try not to distract from the learning - this is an important time for the children to connect with their peers and teacher. Also, parents, be please mindful that most background noises/voices can be heard!

Thank you

### Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

As you may have heard in the news, the Government are introducing Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing for all school staff. These tests are designed to pick up the protein found in viruses and are different to the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests that work up the exact DNA of the sample. The tests are designed to be used on asymptomatic individuals.

Approximately 1 in 3 individuals are asymptomatic when they contract COVID-19 and it is believed that the use of regular LFD tests amongst staff will help to identify those who may be positive for COVID-19 and are still infectious yet are asymptomatic.

Introducing the testing regime is an additional tool to try and tackle the transmission of the virus, used to complement and enhance the procedures we already have in place. Those staff opting into the scheme, will be tested every Monday and Thursday morning, in line with the guidance.

**If a member of staff tests positive, we will be forced to close Bubbles that are open at school at VERY short notice.**

**We will notify parents by email on a Monday and/or Thursday mornings (at approximately 8am) if there is a need to close a bubble.**

**Please check your emails every Monday and Thursday morning and notify your employer of this arrangement.**

Thank you

# Term 3

## Week 4

Monday 25th January  
Half Day Forest School  
Y2 (am) & YR (pm)

Tuesday 26th January

Wed 27th January

Thursday 28th January

Friday 29th January

## Week 5

Monday 01st February

Tuesday 02nd February

Wed 03rd February

Thursday 04 February

Friday 05 February

### Birthdays the Week

Happy Birthday to:  
Shiyon, Aurora and  
our lovely  
Mrs Surendorff!

We hope you all have



wonderful days.



## Remote Learners of the Week

In recognition of some fantastic work and effort in the most challenging of times...



YR: Marley & Isabella  
Y1: Nancy  
Y2: Liam  
Y3: Hassit  
Y4: Jake  
Y5: Douglas  
Y6 Kacey



## Children at school

For those pupils attending school we have decided to have different certificates for you to work towards, rather than superstar certificates. Class Teachers will be arranging class specific systems and these will be celebrated on a Friday along with the remote Learner of the week.

Names will appear in the newsletter, similar to superstar certificates. Keep up the good work and I can't wait to see how quickly you can collect your certificates!

## Booking for School Places

If you are a **critical worker** and have **no alternative** childcare provision while you are at work, please email the school office on [admin@guston.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@guston.kent.sch.uk) to book a place for the week commencing Monday, 01.02. 21 by Wednesday (27th) at 5pm.

Requests must include evidence of Critical Worker status from your employer, the days you require and any order for hot meals.

Thank you.

## Remote Access

Please let us know if you are having difficulty accessing a device. We have now received additional DfE laptops and are having them built so they should be available shortly.

We are happy to help in any way to ensure your child is not further disadvantaged by the closure of school to the majority of pupils.

## House Points

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Children have been asking about House points so we have decided to re establish the healthy rivalry between the houses and celebrate them on a Friday. However, with so many of you being at home it is difficult to reward house points, so, we've come up with a plan!

House points linked to TT Rockstars! The more you play - the more house points you will earn. Simple!

Miss Neal will be letting me know each week which house have earned the most and the winners will be announced in the newsletter.

So, get playing!

Good luck!!