

KEELBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of the first week of a new term and yet another national lockdown, I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As you know, the COVID-19 situation changes daily and it continues to impact on our lives greatly. In light of this, I am writing to reiterate some of our information about home learning and attendance for children who need to come to school.

First of all, I would like to make you aware that due to updated information from the DFE and parent voice the Enquire Learning Trust have issued this statement regarding attendance for vulnerable children and those of critical workers:

I can confirm that that Trust's position in relation to key worker places is, we would encourage children to attend full time to ensure consistency for both the child and the academy. However we do understand the some parents may wish to not take up this offer. Where this is preferred we would ask that you confirm with your academy Principal which days you will be sending your child into school so we can arrange appropriate staffing.

I hope this clarifies the Trust's position. Should there be any further guidance or changes made by the government or DfE we will inform parents as soon as possible.

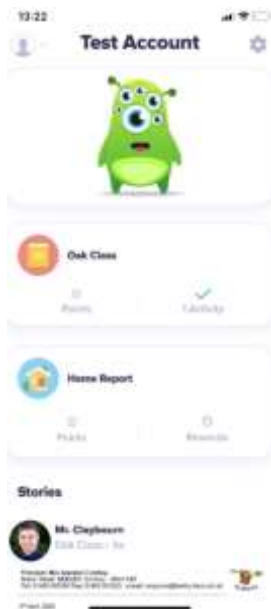
If there are any parents who only **need** to send their child/children in on certain days please could you notify the school office as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. If we don't hear from you we will assume your child will be attending school full time.

Secondly, thank you so much to all of you who have supported the children and the school with the delivery of our home learning offer so far. As a school, we have been very impressed with the level of engagement from the children and we again feel they are coping remarkably well in these unprecedented times.

Going into the new term, our home learning offer will continue to centre around ClassDojo. If you or your child are having any difficulties with ClassDojo then please do not hesitate to get in touch with their class teacher via the app or email to enquiries@keelby.lincs.sch.uk.

Class teachers will continue to set work that mirrors the 'in-school' timetable that has been shared with you on the Class Story page on the app (these timetables will be shared with you each week). Class teachers will post the work on a daily basis. These messages and work can be read on the Class Story page which is visible on the parental log in and on the student log ins (the children simply have to scroll down from their emoji which greets them on the home page).

When setting work, the teachers will also create a folder on the portfolio page of the app. The children are welcome to complete tasks on their devices, on paper or in an exercise book. All we ask is that if they can take a screenshot of their work or photo of their work before uploading it into the portfolio folder. From here, teachers can see submitted work, provide feedback and award Dojo points to recognise the effort of the child.



The screenshot to the left should look similar to what the children see from their device.

Any work set via portfolios appears under their class name as a blue tick. The children can access the task by clicking on the blue tick.

Teachers can specify whether the task should be submitted as a photo, a video or by typing it up as text on the app.

Once again, thank you for your continued support with our home learning offer. We appreciate how difficult it can be learning at home and as a school we are moving towards providing some online lessons where teachers and pupils both in school and at home can work together. We have started to support some families who are having difficulties with devices and on Monday we will be putting out a resource pack for home learners to use. This will contain some basic class room equipment in a plastic wallet and will be available outside school for parents to collect from Monday afternoon. (A dojo message will be sent out on Monday with your specific collection slot).

Please remember, if you or your child are having any difficulties with the work being set or accessing or using ClassDojo then please do not hesitate to contact class teachers via the app or email. We are committed to supporting you as much as possible during this difficult time.

We looking forward to seeing you all back in school as soon as possible!

Kind regards,

Annabel Cowling



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