



IGHTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

8th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a good week and are keeping safe and well. As I'm sure you will have seen, there has continued to be a lot of coverage in the media, both nationally and locally, about education over the last week. As you would imagine, I have been keeping a close eye on developments.

Our team has been working incredibly hard to ensure our remote learning plans have been put into place quickly and effectively this week. I hope your child has had a good week and has been able to effectively engage with their learning. We do encourage the children, when at home, to attend zoom sessions in a shared/communal space or room with an open door with appropriate supervision by an appropriate adult.

We had expected to switch to TEAMS next week but we have run into some considerable technical and administrative issues this week. Therefore, we are not yet in a position to move over to TEAMS and we shall continue to use the same system as has been in place this week. This will hopefully give us enough time to iron out all the issues with our IT support in order to commence using TEAMS the following week.

I have attached a leaflet from Sevenoaks School regarding a Virtual Lego Club that their Outreach Team are running which may be of some interest.

Voluntary Fund

If you are yet to make a contribution to our school voluntary fund this academic year, you can still do so through ParentPay. We are extremely grateful for all contributions, and especially at this challenging time.

Free School Meals

If you think that your child may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), then I strongly encourage you to apply using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

BBC Educational Support

BBC Bitesize has lots of content divided into subject and age categories, with much new material added since March 2020.



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The BBC will be showing curriculum content on TV every weekday from Monday 11th January. Primary-school programming, including BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily, will be shown from 09:00 to 12:00 on CBBC.

Oak National Academy

The Oak National Academy provides resources for children. This is a collection of lessons and online learning that has been backed by the government. The feedback I have received from a number of our parents has been very positive. You can access all the resources here:

<https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils/>

The Oak National Academy also has an archive of “live” assemblies that were first broadcast over the internet in summer 2020.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/>

Kind regards,

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