

Dear parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well and that you were able to enjoy celebrating Christmas with your immediate family.

Yesterday the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, outlined for the safety of all, that the large majority of Primary schools in Essex, including those in Maldon, will not be physically open until 18th January.

During this time I and my staff are here to support you and your children through online home learning until the 18th January when these arrangements will be reviewed.

I am writing to you to let you know about the arrangements that will be put in place to support you.

Firstly, every pupil will have come home with a pack of activities to do on MONDAY 4TH JANUARY. Please leave this pack until Tuesday 5th January and use this day to encourage your children to engage with home learning. Just three activities to focus on:

- **BUG CLUB** - <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>
Make sure that you and your child can log on to this and encourage them to read one book and ANSWER the questions.
- **POBBLE 365** - <https://www.pobble365.com/> Make sure that you can log on to Pobble 365 and find a picture that matches your child's birthdate – encourage them to respond to the picture – either as a story, a poem, or another picture. There are questions and story starters and ideas to help you and your child get started. You can always choose an alternative picture if you wish. Upload this to class dojo if you can.
- **KEEPING HEALTHY** – Go for a walk together for half an hour -even if it is raining. (that is only 15 minutes each way ☺)

IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS BUG CLUB OR POBBLE 365 PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL HELP YOU. You can do this through class dojo, or head@woodhamwalter.essex.sch.uk

TUESDAY 5th JANUARY. These are fun activities to do together to further encourage your children to engage with home learning once again. Please use the time on this day to focus on:

- **HOME LEARNING** – Please ask your child to complete this pack of activities
- **BUG CLUB** – Please read another book and answer the questions
- **KEEPING HEALTHY** – as yesterday: go for a walk together for half an hour -even if it is raining. (that is only 15 minutes each way ☺)
- **ISOLATION DOCUMENT**- Please use this time to familiarize yourself with our Isolation document and try one of the additional activities with

your child. You will find this on our website: Parents/home learning/isolation document

After this, from WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY, each child will have access to a daily timetable that has been written by their class teacher. This will be available on our website and also on the class pages of Class Dojo.

The Daily timetable will include English, Maths and topic based activities with additional phonics activities for KS1.

Completed and submitted work for children will receive feedback from staff to acknowledge pupils efforts and assist the teacher in future planning. Staff have been working incredibly hard to support your children, please encourage them to engage with this learning.

Furthermore, from Wednesday 6th January a member of staff will contact pupils to ensure that they are able to access the online learning, support their wellbeing and answer any questions that they might have.

There will of course be a very small number of pupils that we will continue to support in school. These are children where parents are critical workers or where pupils are deemed to be in the vulnerable category.

At this time we ask that TO PROTEST EVERYONE, ONLY THOSE CHILDREN OF CRITICAL WORKERS WITHOUT OTHER MEANS OF ATTITIONAL SUPPORT CONTACT US FOR THIS SERVICE.

If you think that your child is eligible for this arrangement and you need them to attend school under these circumstances please email me at head@woodhamwalter.essex.sch.uk by Sunday 3rd January so that I can plan accordingly.

It is vital that together we continue to support the children with their ongoing learning and wellbeing, but it is also vitally important that pupil safety is at the forefront of our minds, which is presumably at the heart of the Governments decision to delay the full re opening of Maldon schools at this point.

Thankyou for your ongoing support

Kind regards

Sue Dodd