

Week ending 8th January 2021

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Happy New Year to you all.

What a way to start the new year. We have again been so proud of the determination of all the children this week in their engagement with the learning from home and of those keyworker children in school.

We will continue to work with you to ensure that everyone gets though the next few weeks.

Please let us know if you need anything at all.



Keeping in touch

Please be aware that teachers will be calling weekly, to speak with you / and or the children. The number will come up as a private number.

If we cannot get hold of you after two calls, we will then send an email.



We are delighted that we have now become part of the Attain Academy Partnership. We look forward to working in collaboration with the partnership and its family of schools.

There is currently a vacancy for a site manager at Rayne Primary. <http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=62316>

Please refer to <https://attain.essex.sch.uk/essex/primary/attain/site/pages/vacancies> for current vacancies across the trust.

Home Learning

We acknowledge that during this period of lockdown, learning from home may well cause anxiety and added pressure for everyone in the home. Please try not to add to what is already a pressurised situation. If the children have a day when they seem less engaged why not play a game, get some fresh air or read a story together.

You can go to <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub> who have provided a whole range of free resources for different age groups.

Jo Wicks will be delivering PE sessions every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from next Monday at 9am.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/offers> ideas for parents of children up to the age of 5.

We are currently investigating ways to enhance our remote learning offer even further. We have just received the expectations from the DfE about this and are also taking on board the feedback we had last term from our parental survey into remote learning. We hope to be able to share this with you during next week.

Thank you too to those of you who have already made contact with us about home learning we will take these thoughts into account too, when making any decision.



Did you know.....

If you have an Essex library card you can sign up (for free), to access e-books and audio books. If you don't have a card, you can also register for a temporary card. This maybe something that you would like to do during lockdown.

[www.https://libraries.essex.gov.uk](https://libraries.essex.gov.uk)



The staff would like to thank you all for the gifts and cards sent in just before we finished for Christmas.

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During this time of home learning, children will be accessing the internet and online resources more than they may usually do. Therefore it is really important that you are aware of what your child is doing online.

Remember to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on. These resources may help you to keep the children safe online:

Guidance on [staying safe online](#) which includes information on security and privacy settings

[Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online.

[Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations.

[Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support.

[Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world.

[London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online.

[Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games.

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services.



Mobile Data Allowance support in lockdown.

Some mobile network providers have partnered up with the DfE to help support some families, with children in Years 3 to 11, who rely on a mobile internet connection. You may be able to benefit from a free increase in your mobile data if you are a customer of EE/Three/Sky mobile/SMARTY/Tesco and Virgin mobile.

In the first instance contact your provider to enquire if this is possible. If you are unable to do this via your provider, please email us and we will see what we can do.