

# Canvey Island Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first week of the Spring Term, I am writing to keep you informed of what is going on in school and to give a few reminders.

The teaching and support staff are all in school either working with vulnerable children or the children of critical workers and preparing home learning for those children who are not in school.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, we are required to set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school; for primary school children that is up to 3 hours each day. However, we very much appreciate that some parents have more than one child at home and may also be working from home themselves. You can only do what you can do, so please be assured that your child will be supported to catch up when they return to school. Teachers will be telephoning children every week, from next week, to keep in touch and see how they are getting on with the home learning. Please feel free to email your child's class teacher if you have any questions about the tasks set or about any aspect of your child's learning. Please also send in photographs of your child's work so we can keep a record of what has been completed. Should you have any issues that will prevent your child from accessing the learning, please contact the school office for advice. Furthermore, if you have any issues with the home learning we are providing, please do not hesitate to contact me so I can address and resolve your concerns as quickly as possible.

Yesterday, I sent you a letter from the Essex Director of Education, Clare Kershaw, who urged parents to only send their children in to school if it is absolutely necessary. Although guidance states that only one parent needs to be a critical worker to be eligible for a place in school, I am asking that you consider if your child really needs the place or could they complete the learning at home. As I have a duty to keep my staff safe, limiting attendance will reduce the number of contacts school staff have with other households. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or if you require any further information.

For parents of children who are in school, please remember to wear a face covering whilst on the school premises. Also, please keep your children with you, especially when waiting for your children to come out of school in the afternoon; the children in the Junior School are working in tight bubbles so, for everybody's safety, should not be mixing when out of school.

Finally, I would like to mention that the school staff have worked incredibly hard to develop online learning, create new teaching plans and create new methods of communication in such a short space of time. I think they have done a fantastic job and am incredibly proud to lead such a wonderful team. We may not get it right all of the time, but we will always try our absolute best to give the children the highest quality learning opportunities we possibly can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

*Learning is a journey, not a destination*

