



15th January 2021 (16)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well.

This week we have had some parents and carers commenting that either there isn't enough work or there is too much work! The teachers are working hard to make sure that our online resources help to give the children a broad and balanced curriculum. The teachers continue to provide daily live and pre-recorded lessons, time for the children to work independently and the opportunity to work live in small groups with the teachers.

As a result of parents/carers feedback regarding the level of work, I personally checked the children's work this week and it was clear that the children hadn't completed the challenges or extension work that was set. Please check each lesson and direct your child to the daily challenges or extension task. If you are finding that your child is completing the work, including the challenges before the end of the day, please contact your child's class teacher to discuss this further.

If you are finding that there is too much work, then please contact your child's class teacher to discuss how they can support you at home. Remember there are live drop-ins for English and Maths in Years 3-6, where your child can work with their class teacher.

Assemblies

If you have not been able to access the pre-record assemblies that myself, Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mrs Georgiou have recorded, then please ask your child's class teacher to direct you to where they are. Mrs Georgiou did her own version of Joe Wicks this week, which I know the children in school really enjoyed doing.

Mrs Kirkpatrick's assemblies are based on mental health and well-being. We received a lovely email from a parent who said that her child had been incredibly anxious, but after watching the assembly it really calmed her down.

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Mental Health and Well-being

Below is some advice from NSPCC

'Lockdowns and high-level restrictions are in place across the UK due to coronavirus (COVID-19). During this time, it's especially important that we all pay attention to our mental health and wellbeing and the mental health of children and young people.'

Children and young people may feel worried or anxious about different things. Beyond the virus itself there is the interruption of the normal school routine, suddenly spending most of their time indoors and no longer regularly seeing family and friends.

They may also experience someone close to them, such as a family member, carer, friend or teacher, becoming seriously ill or dying. This can cause feelings of sadness, loss and grief.

We've pulled together some resources to help you support the children and young people and families you know and work with through this challenging time.

You might want to use these resources yourself or share them with parents and carers to help them support their children. You may also want to share some of these resources directly with the children and young people you work with.'

Please visit their website for further support:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/april/supporting-children-young-people-mental-health>

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams
Headteacher



Cancellation of 2021 national curriculum assessments

The DFE have announced that due to the disruption caused by the recent changes (Remote learning and partial school closures), key stage 1 (KS1) and key stage 2 (KS2) national curriculum assessments also known as the SATS cannot continue as intended.

The following assessments, scheduled between April and July 2021, have been cancelled:

- KS1 teacher assessments
- KS2 tests and teacher assessments
- phonics screening check
- all statutory trialling

We will continue to use assessment to inform teaching, and to enable teachers to give information to parents on their child's attainment in their statutory annual report and to support transition of KS2 pupils to secondary school. Schools are being encouraged to use [past test papers](#) in our assessment of pupils.

These arrangements will apply for summer 2021 only, and we are planning for a full programme of primary assessments to take place in the 2021/22 academic year. We will confirm full details for 2021/22 assessments when the DFE confirm this. At the moment no further guidance has been provided for EYFS assessments.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Ms Heiler

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Accessing E-books from the Local Library

It has been lovely to see so many children reading and enjoying books and stories with their teachers during this time of remote learning. Attached to this week's newsletter are instructions for how to access free e-books from our Local Library service if you are getting stuck for something to read whilst at home.

To access the e-book collections, you or your child needs to be a member of the local library. If they are members already, you just need their library number and online pin number. If you've forgotten the pin, you can phone Enfield library on 020 3821 1958 and the staff should be able to help..... Happy reading everyone!



(Ms Heiler)

Blue Peter

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and they are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about their incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you are interested in this, please subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,

The Blue Peter Team!



General support for children with SEND

The [BBC Bitesize SEND Toolkit](#) includes a wide range of resources for supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (as well as home learning support and fun activities) with managing emotions, keeping calm, mindfulness and Mental Health support.

[BBC Bitesize SEND Toolkit](#) - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9v382>

Educational Psychology Service Family Telephone support line

If you would like help and advice with supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and mental health (or your own) or managing behaviour at home you can contact the Enfield Educational Psychology Service's [Family Support Helpline](#) (see attached flyer). The helpline also provides help with supporting your child's learning at home, concerns about their general learning, development or well-being, access to information and resources and signposting to other services.

The Good Thinking Guide

The [Good Thinking Guide](#) produced by the Health London Partnership contains useful resources for managing your own wellbeing and that of your child, including dealing with anxiety, stress, sleep problems and low mood. It includes information about a variety of resources available including helplines and apps which you may find useful.

A collection of 'top resources' to do with your child and help them manage their wellbeing can be found on <https://www.good-thinking.uk/>

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(Mrs Gonzalez)

Our value for the month of January is **Positivity**

Attendance

One of the areas the school is working hard to improve is the attendance of children at Eversley Primary School. The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95%, this could potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success. Please help us to continue the upward trend by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

The overall school attendance to date is 97.5 %

Easyfundraising

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https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eversleyps/?invite=UA33U9%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

Dates for your Diary 2021

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Monday 15th-19th February		Half Term - School Closed to Pupils
Monday 22nd February		Return to School
Thursday 1st April		Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April		Return to School
Monday 3rd May		May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 6th May		Local Elections - School Closed to Pupils
Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June		Summer Half Term
Monday 7th June		Inset Day
Tuesday 8th June		Return to School
Friday 23rd July	1.30pm	Break up for Summer Holidays