



South Hiendley Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to all pupils, whether attending on site or attending online! What a challenging week last week was for us all, but hopefully this week things should settle down into a more steady routine. Thank you to all our families for their patience, and thank you to our wonderful staff for their flexibility as things changed on an almost daily basis last week. Here is all the information you need to know for negotiating the lockdown. We will place copies of everything on: [South Hiendley Primary School - Coronavirus](#)

Communication:

In all instances, please do not email the work accounts of teachers. Email SH-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk or if it is about pupil learning you can use the see saw facility if you are homelearning.

The school office is closed, please don't use the phone unless absolutely necessary.

There is an expectation that your child will either be in school, or register daily on TEAMS. Our school office or welfare staff will ring to check if we don't see your child each day.

Places in school for keyworker and vulnerable pupils

[Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) DFE website: "Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.**"

- Are you genuinely critical to the Coronavirus response / EU transition response?
- Is there no way you could manage to keep your child at home?

Please don't be offended if school asks some questions around your request for a place; remember we have a duty to protect all members of our community. **Places are there for those that need them, but please remember to honour the spirit of the offer.**

Pupils in school are supervised to complete the same work as those learning at home; there is no educational advantage to being in school.

Lunches

Please order lunches as normal.

Homelearning:

Pupils at home access home-learning. In summary this looks like this:

- Work is set for pupils each day through See Saw. English, Maths, Reading / phonics, SPaG, Wider curriculum.
- Pupils register online in the morning, and attend a learning clinic in the afternoon, led by their class teacher.
- Pupils submit their work by 2pm each day, for staff to review and provide feedback through See Saw.
- Work will be a mixture of set work and instructional videos.

Why do we do a mix of teacher led input and recorded input?

We realise that many households do not have enough devices for each pupil to have a laptop each all day every day. The government has not provided us with any laptops (despite what you read in the news); we are entitled to a delivery **of 18 laptops** but we don't know when these will arrive, and of course this is not enough for the pupils who may need them. The work we set allows pupils to access work all day every day, have two opportunities a day to meet with their teacher, and has a range of instructional videos that can be accessed at other times, to allow families to try to manage the homelearning.

What arrangements are there for laptop loans?

We haven't yet received any from the Government. We have repurposed some older models, which are available for loan to any households that are in need of them. Please email sh-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk if you would like to use one of these. Once they are gone I am afraid they are gone.

TEAMS and SEESAW – These are the platforms we use. Any issues with these, please let us know sh-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk

Phone-calls home

We have a duty to maintain contact with our pupils. Please attend the TEAMS registrations, so we can mark off that we have had contact with your child. If we don't see your child, a member of school staff will phone so we can check in with them.

Safeguarding arrangements

Please read our Remote Learning and Safeguarding policy on our school website: [South Hiendley Primary School - Coronavirus](#)

Important documentation to be familiar with

On our Coronavirus section of the website you will find:

- Updated risk assessment
- Instructions for accessing TEAMS
- Continuity learning (for if there is an issue with TEAMS or our teachers are too unwell to put on work)
- Parental expectations sheet
- Safeguarding information for the closedown
- Updated behaviour and attendance expectations.

Other information

Normal expectations around bringing items into school apply, so any watches, fitbits etc that you choose to send in will remain at all times your child's responsibility and if they are lost or damaged school is not responsible.

Early years is currently closed due a leak into the electrical systems. We will update parents this afternoon if we are to be closed tomorrow. We are working as fast as we can to fix this – apologies!