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# IVYDALE NEWS

Keep Calm!



Keep Clean!



Be Kind!



Dear Ivydale families,

As a school community we have again, along with the rest of the country, had to swiftly make the move to remote learning for most children with in school provision for some children. Alongside this we are all adapting to the rules of living under lockdown again. It isn't



*"Nothing beats kindness," said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."*

surprising that people will feel fed up or angry and frustrated or maybe worried or scared. It isn't easy for anyone and it is ok to feel like that. As a school community it is vitally important that we support each other and that support begins with kindness. Be kind to yourself and be kind to each other.

Many thanks for your continued support and the kindness that many of you have shown us.

**Helen Ingham, Headteacher**

## FOR THOSE IN SCHOOL

Children should not attend school if they have symptoms, or if a family member has symptoms. If that test is positive, then self isolation must follow and you must inform us. We will inform others if self isolation is necessary and we may, as last term, have to close classes.

We will not be enforcing the road closures at the start or end of the day while there are fewer children arriving and leaving school. Please take care.

## COMMUNICATION DURING PARTIAL CLOSURE

As is our usual practice, we aim to respond to any communication within three days and in the main, we will endeavour to respond much quicker than that particularly at the moment. Please do not expect any communication out of hours. In addition the school office will be closed between 12 and 1 daily at the moment.

## REMOTE LEARNING

I am extremely grateful to our staff team who have adapted to delivering online lessons for most children as well as face to face teaching to over 100 children in school with just one day's planning and preparation time. It takes time to adjust to teaching and learning in this way. Be patient and kind to yourself as you navigate this. Our experience from last term was that it took people a few days to settle into the expectations and feel confident with the technology. Please do not be afraid to ask for help - be that getting set up on Microsoft Teams or with the content of lessons. Please phone or email the office and the appropriate assistant head will get back to you.

Jan Harpley (EYFS) - works Mon-Weds

Helen Easton (Years 1-3) - works Tues-Thurs

Vicki Reeves (Years 4-6) - works Tues-Thurs

### THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

We have delivered the twenty laptops given to us by the government to support families without technology at home. We will, when the government allows us to, be requesting more and we are seeking other sources of devices so that we can support more families with remote learning. We are also applying to increase data allowances on mobile devices for those who need it. Please watch out for the separate parentmail about this.

### Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Office 365

Accessing your remote learning. An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown.

#### Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot (less than £10 from Amazon)
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in [Office 365](#) and log in as you would in school
5. You can then access your work and use key packages including:
  - Word
  - Excel
  - PowerPoint
  - Teams
  - Your emails
6. To move around you use the Xbox controller or plug in a mouse

#### PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type in [Office 365](#) and log in as you would in school
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