



Elmlea Schools' Trust Newsletter Issue 17 Friday 15th January

Dear parents and carers,

I really hope Week 2 has been a little easier for you as you start to embed your family routines and rhythm of remote learning. Thank you for the feedback we have received from you, it is really useful for us to know what is working well for you and what is not.

It has also been great to see so many of your children on Teams. Teachers have reported how positive these sessions have been. We do realise how important this daily check in is with your child, to be able to give your child the opportunity to see their teacher and their classmates and have a chance to ask questions and talk together with their classmates. Please prioritise the Teams meetings to ensure your child can join in. The sessions have been adapted to ensure they try and boost your child's wellbeing as well as support their home learning and will reflect that.

Please continue to be kind to yourself, your best has to be good enough. It is really hard trying to support your child's learning at home and for the large number of you trying to also work from home, all in all it is an incredibly stressful juggle. Have a good weekend and try to find some time for yourself so you can regroup ready for all the challenges next week will bring.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

Critical worker essential childcare.

As you may have seen from the media and this also applies to Elmlea too, all schools have experienced high levels of requests for critical worker childcare. The DfE have asked all parents to honour the spirit of lockdown. Please do not send your child to school unless your child cannot be safely supervised to complete their remote learning at home. Remote learning is extremely difficult for all parents but critical childcare is there for those critical workers with no other options available to them.

Key Dates 2021

Term 3

Tuesday 5th January
to
Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February
to
Thursday 1 April 2021

Term 5

Monday 19 April 2021
to
Friday 28 May 2021



Coronavirus:
childcare for critical workers



INSET day postponed

We had planned an INSET day for staff training on the 29th January when school would have been closed. This has now been postponed as we need to remain open to offer essential childcare for our critical workers. Remote learning will continue as normal.

Applications for Reception places

Please note the deadline to apply online for a Reception place at Elmlea is at midnight tonight via admissions on the [Bristol Gov website](#)



Infant school office



The Infant school office will be closed from Monday 18th January. All parents of Infant children have been sent a letter explaining procedures for those children currently attending essential childcare in the Infant School. To call the Infant school please phone **0117 377 2266**.

Supporting children and young people's mental health.

Please see [excellent resources](#) provided by the NSPCC to support parents whose child may be finding this lockdown is negatively affecting their child's mental health.

