



31st December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Delayed start to the new term 2021

As many will already be aware, the government announced yesterday afternoon that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary education settings are required in certain areas. These are in line with the contingency framework for education and childcare settings.

Rochford has been identified as an area which falls under the contingency framework. This means that as of next **Tuesday the 5th January** only critical worker children and vulnerable children should attend school. High quality remote education will be made available to all other pupils.

Key Workers

A Survey Monkey will be sent out later today to gauge how many critical worker or vulnerable children will be attending next week. Please complete this. We would urge all Key Worker families to only use the school if absolutely necessary. If one adult is at home, then your child is best placed with them accessing our remote provision.

These local measures will be kept under review by the DfE and will be reviewed again by 18th January.

People with symptoms or who are self-isolating

No-one should attend school if they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household.

Remote Learning Provision at RPS

Please see the REMOTE LEARNING tab on our website www.rochford.essex.sch.uk





Oak National Academy's online classroom has 10,000 video lessons created by teachers which are available for free on www.thenational.academy. ONA is backed by the Department for Education and, last term, provided nearly 5 million pupils with 20 million lessons.

You can use ONA's online classroom on any device, you don't need to log in or remember a password. Your child's teacher will advise the best way to learn at home and send links to the relevant lessons through your child's [Google Classroom](#). Each lesson is delivered by a trained teacher, over a pre-recorded video. It's clear at the start of each session any basic materials you might need, such as pens, paper, etc. The lessons are designed to need minimal supervision, although this will depend on the age of your child.

Children should aim to complete at least 2 core and 1 foundation lesson each day and submit their work via Google Classroom. Your teacher will be on hand remotely should you require any support – simply use the conversation stream.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) you will receive vouchers for the initial 2-week school closure. Further details will be provided next week.

As always, our main concern will be the physical and mental wellbeing of the children and we will continue to review the proposed practices to ensure that they will be the best fit for the children whilst retaining the highest level of protection that we can offer.

Best Wishes,

Mr. S. Owen

Headteacher

