

Upton-upon-Severn Primary School: United in Times of Crisis



8th January 2021

Dear Parents/carers ,

Thank you so much for all your support this week as we have entered another period of lockdown due to the Covid crisis. I am aware of how challenging this is for all of our families and there are various aspects that cause increased pressure for you.



The online learning programme is for you to work with your children whenever it suits you. Please do not feel under pressure to run this at the precise time table we would have in school. I understand that many of you are also trying to work from home, and that to facilitate your child's learning, and also to do the work for your own job must feel like mission impossible at times. Please know we do not expect mission impossible! Only do what you can manage to do and if you are having any problems please email us at info@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk and we will try to help you with the home-based work programme.

Following the change in the government guidance for critical workers we have seen a significant increase in request for places. The official guidance for the schools was not released until Thursday 7th.

Early years providers are to remain open as usual and so any child who attends our pre-school or our River room is able to access the same provision they normally would.

In the school, we are providing for our critical key workers and our vulnerable group of learners.

We are working the class groups in their strict bubbles and have the same limited contact between the children and the staff to ensure, as much as is possible, there is safety within the whole school.

The guidance states:

“Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school if required.”

However and this is a very vital piece of information.....

“Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.”

The government are trying to reduce the overall social contact across areas and the country rather than individually by each institution. At Upton we can help reduce the chance of infection spread by keeping our children home when we can. We have 55% of the school population eligible for places which is a challenge for us as a school community. Please only use us when you require the cover for your work shift.

Thank you again for all your support.

Mrs Wills