



January 2021 Newsletter



Good morning parents and carers,

We would like to offer our sincere thanks for the support you have shown us following the latest government guidance around school closures at the start of January.

The school continues to open for key worker and vulnerable pupils, but the majority of pupils are learning from home. This is something we are bitterly disappointed about but we must do everything we can to protect our families and community at this difficult time.

The safest place for your child to be is at home. We are working hard to keep those in school safe and keep classes at a minimum, therefore we ask that you only take up a place in school if you absolutely need one.

Full details about our remote learning provision can be found on the next page.

Please see our website useful information and updates:

<https://www.iqraprimary.co.uk/home-learning-packs/>

Is your child entitled to a free school meal?

The government announced that vouchers are to be made available from next week for benefit related free school meal children.

To access these vouchers, please email covidsupport@iqra.bradford.sch.uk and provide the following information:

- Child's full name
- Parent's name
- Your child's class
- Your relationship to the child
- Your email address

The vouchers will be issued as soon as we receive them from the government.

Is your family struggling in any way?

Please contact school if you need any support. You can do this by:

- Telephoning the school office on 01274 773350
- Emailing school at covidsupport@iqra.bradford.sch.uk
- Your child's class teacher will be contacting you weekly by telephone, please alert them if you need some help.
- Speaking to staff members at the start of the day and home time if your children are currently attending school.

The school has a food bank which is run by Miss Hussain. Do not hesitate to contact school and speak with her if your family needs additional food at this difficult time. This service is confidential.

Remote Learning at Iqra Academy

Full details of our remote learning provision will be posted on our school website at the start of next week and also sent out via School Ping.

All pupils, whether working from home or in school will access the same learning.

Our teachers are fully committed to delivering online learning that replicates the broad and balanced curriculum that they would receive if they were learning in school.

Teachers will provide a daily timetable which will cover the full curriculum across the week. Our expectation is that children will complete the daily tasks which have been set.

They should interact with their teacher each day, whether through a phone call, live lesson or submission of completed work.

From Monday 18th January, pupils will be invited to join in with lessons online with their class teacher.

Please contact school if you do not give consent for your child to participate in any live lessons.

Live lessons will happen at the following times to avoid a timetable clash and allow families to share equipment:

Years 3 and 4 - 9.45am

Years 5 and 6 - 11.15am

Year 2 - 1.15pm

Certain elements of the lesson will be recorded which can be viewed by pupils at another time if they cannot be present for the live lesson. This recording will We understand the benefits of teachers and pupils being able to communicate in real time, hence the inclusion of live sessions as part of our remote provision.

The live lessons will be short, specific and meaningful. This might include an introduction to a lesson or time to reflect on learning with a quiz or discussion task.

We ask all parents to follow rules on safe on-line learning.

Safety and Security when using Teams for live lessons

Pupil's safety and security is central to all online learning.

For more information about online safety, please take time to look at the following website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Only teachers can set up a live lesson. Pupils will receive an invitation to attend a live lesson 'meeting' in their class team.

They can access the meeting by clicking 'join' but will only be admitted once the teacher allows it. This means that pupils will not be present in a live lesson without the supervision of a teacher.

The teacher has the ability to mute pupil's ability to interact, they can stop pupils from using any chat functions and can also remove children from the lesson if absolutely necessary (we know this is unlikely but it is an additional safety feature which we'd like to share with you).

Children must only follow links to join a meeting sent by their teacher in a class Team.

Expectations for pupil behaviour in live lessons

- ✓ Make sure that you are in a quiet and peaceful place in your home.
- ✓ Make sure you are properly dressed and comfortable (No PJs!).
- ✓ Ensure your device is charged.
- ✓ Sit at a desk or table if possible with paper and pens/pencils.
- ✓ Follow the normal classroom rules eg not interrupting, shouting out.
- ✓ Do not share meeting links with anyone else.
- ✓ Listen very carefully to the teacher's instructions.
- ✓ Do not eat and drink (unless you need water) during the lesson.
- ✓ You must not use other devices eg tablets and phones during a lesson. You will be removed from the lesson if this happens.
- ✓ After the lesson - complete the work requested by your teacher and hand this in for your teacher to mark before the explained deadline.

Expectations for parents

Stay safe and look after each other.

You should not speak with the teacher during a live lesson. You can contact the school or wait for teachers to call you if you have any questions.

Provide somewhere quiet for your child to engage in the lesson. This should not be in your child's bedroom. You need to be present for the lesson so that you can keep an eye on what your child is doing while online.

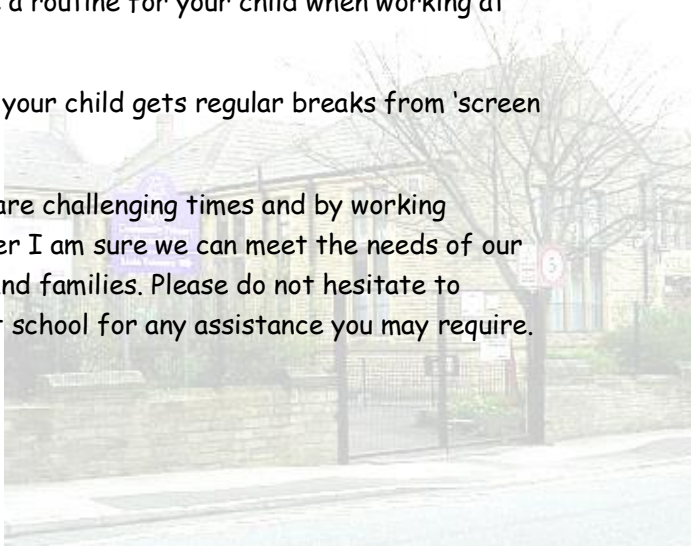
Ensure a stable internet connection on a suitable device.

We ask that you respect the professional work of our teachers and the privacy of our teachers and pupils by not sharing any videos, and/or recordings of class sessions via any form of social media whatsoever.

Provide a routine for your child when working at home.

Ensure your child gets regular breaks from 'screen time'.

These are challenging times and by working together I am sure we can meet the needs of our pupils and families. Please do not hesitate to contact school for any assistance you may require.



Using a Playstation or Xbox to access your remote learning on Microsoft Teams

Using a Playstation:

- Identify the Playstation internet browser (www with dots surrounding it).
- Press the Playstation logo on the controller.
- Go to the library and find options for games and applications.
- Go to applications and you will find the internet browser.
- Navigate to your online learning platform and log in as usual.

Using an Xbox:

- Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot.
- Go to my games and APPs.
- Find and select Microsoft Edge.
- Navigate to your online platform.



Celebrating some of the wonderful work children have completed at home.

Well done to all our pupils for doing their best and remaining positive.

Teachers have been amazed by the fantastic work going on at home. They wanted to give a special shout out to...

EYFS

Lilac: Faatimah Hamad Butt - for always working hard and uploading lots of work to seesaw

Dewberry: Yusuf Malik - most updates to seesaw 107!

Purple: Rayyan Ali - gives 110% on all his work and goes above and beyond in school work.



Year One

1BL: Abu Bakr Patel

He has had an excellent start to remote learning. He has completed lessons in all subjects and has sent photos and videos. A big thank you to mum.

1M: Eesa Mohammed

He has completed home learning every day and uploaded pictures of his work. He tries really hard in maths and writing and his handwriting is improving.

1H: Minahil Ali

She has uploaded work every day in all subjects, sending photos of work done in her book. She always tries hard and mum is amazing at helping her every day.

Year Two

2S: Muhammad Kapadiya

2A: Amr Eldaly

2T: Safia Nawaz

Mrs Sitti (Head of Year Two) said that

"there are lots of children in Year 2 that have been working hard from home. These children have been logging onto Microsoft Teams every day, and they have trying really hard to complete the work that has been set."

Year Three

3DB: Muhammad Hussain Dadabhai - he has attempted every piece of remote learning set. He puts 100% effort into everything he does.

3GK: Ibrahim Khan - completes and hands in every remote learning task and asks for help if he doesn't understand.

3M: Umair Ali - always works hard and completes all of his home learning work. He puts in 100% effort at all times.





Year Four

4H: Anaya Akhtar for being very committed to her online learning and trying extremely hard everyday.

4A: M.Ayaan Khan for being very positive with all the changes around school. He is also trying very hard to complete all tasks set for Remote Learning.

4C: Riyadh Hajee for trying hard and making good progress in year 4.

Year Five

5N: Sayhaan Iqbal - he is putting his all into his work and has worked hard with his science experiments using objects from around the house.

5M: Hawwa Patel - she has thought of some creative ways to show her learning such as a video of her as a news reporter for our History lesson. Her presentation is always brilliant for every piece of work she does.

5A: Muhammad Mayat - some wonderful work completed at home especially a self portrait inspired by Frida Kahlo (you can see the completed work below).



A science lesson at home

Year Six

6N: Ismail Rehman - for trying his best with his home learning every day.

6D: Adam Hajee - for working really hard and completing remote learning tasks.

6W: Hannah Nasar - she is trying her best with every single remote learning set task each day and she tries her hardest to hand in her work using many different formats.