



APLEY NEWS

Headteacher Message

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received about our critical worker provision and our remote learning offer. This is due to our committed staff and the dedication of our parents and children to support and engage with home learning. We have allocated a number of devices for children to use at home, if your child does still need a device to access the remote learning, please let us know.

We are still receiving requests for critical worker places daily and our numbers on site are very high compared to the previous lockdown. **The Government guidance sets out that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.** Our critical worker places are for parents who really need a place for their child at school because it is unsuitable and unsafe for their child to be left at home whilst they are at work. If you are working from home and can keep your children with you, please do let us know so we can re-allocate that place for someone who needs it. Thank you to those parents who have already told us they no longer need the critical worker place. The Government and LA have also confirmed that part time attendance for critical workers is now allowed, please let us know if your child does not need their place in school for the full 5 days. It is important to note that the children in school receive the same curriculum offer as those at home and our older KS2 children in particular, do know how to use teams to access this independently.

If your child is in school, please do not send them in if they are showing **any signs of illness**. The rate of transmission in Telford is still very high and tests are advised if staff and children are showing any of the secondary symptoms also. If you are unsure, please contact the office before sending your child to school.



I've seen some fantastic work both in school and at home this week. Headteacher Awards go to:

**Isabella S, Carter, Riley W, Manelle,
Naomi, Ollie D, Jack T, Harry S, Sydney G,
Reema C, Sophie TR, Jacob P, Rhys E, Evie L**

We will post those for our remote learners.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns then please do contact us. The office is open from 8.30am-3pm daily.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Ellen Smith - Headteacher

Remote Learning

Our detailed remote learning offer is available on the school website curriculum page which explains how we are meeting the Government guidelines in detail.

We have had some questions about 'live streaming' lessons. We are fulfilling the guidance which states, online video lessons do not necessarily need to be recorded by teaching staff at the school: Oak National Academy lessons, for example, can be provided in lieu of schooled video content. We are therefore taking our live teaching from Oak Academy.

The key feature of our remote learning offer is that staff can provide regular and timely feedback when work is submitted to teams and respond to queries quickly through email or the chat function on teams, whilst the children are completing the work if needed. If you need a quick response, please use the chat function on teams.

There have been a few teething issues with teams and internet connectivity this week. Please let us know if you are having technical difficulties and we will sort them as quickly as possible.

We understand that many of you are juggling work and home schooling or trying to home school several children at once. We appreciate everything you are doing and understand if you can't support your children to complete every task set. This is a different remote learning experience for all of us and we know everyone is doing their best.

If you have any questions regarding our remote learning offer, please let us know.

Lastly, there is a useful app that we have been informed about called Microsoft Office Lens app, which is freely available for Android and iOS / iPadOS.

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/office-lens-for-windows-577ec09d-8da2-4029-8bb7-12f8114f472a>

It is a handheld scanner app, using the camera on your phone or tablet. Along with cutting out the background it includes filters which can enhance text for better clarity. Give it a go! :)

January's Value of the Month is...
Resilience
- the ability to bounce back quickly from difficulties.

“ ENTITY “
The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is how you use them.

Home Learning fun

Year 4 have been busy sending in photos from home of all of their home learning activities. We've had photos of PE, computing, coding, French, and lots more! You are doing really well. Fabulous photos!



Just Delicious!

Jake, from year 2, wanted to do some baking this week. He weighed all the ingredients by himself and made a white chocolate tray bake with sprinkles. It looks amazing Jake, well done!



Busy Boys and Girls

Imogen from Reception and Finley, year 4, (below) have really been mixing it up this week. With lots of effort put into their remote learning, mixed in with some music, painting, and outdoor activities too. It is so lovely to see your smiling faces and we really appreciated the fabulous feedback and 'thanks' from mum.



A lovely photo from home from Bronwyn in year 1. Thank you for the smiles and that's a super hat!



Inventive PE

Jaime, year 6, has been using imaginative ways to do her PE and get some exercise at home, using her Nintendo Switch! What a great idea and fun too. Then back to her desk to carry on with her studies.



Amelia from Reception showing off her Maths work this week.



CalmBrain Programme



CalmBrain are offering free access at home for the duration of the school 'closure'. If you would like to access this just email them at:

calmbrainsupport@calmbrainapproach.com

Provide the following information:

Parents first and last name. (they do not need the name of the child), parent's email address, and the name of our school. The children really enjoy it.

TEAMs Do's and Don'ts

We are so proud of how hard you are all working at home during these difficult times. We can't wait to see you all again soon but for now here are some top tips on how to use TEAMs sensibly and safely.



- Try your very best to follow your school timetable as closely as you can.
- Check for comments sent to you by your teacher.
- Use Teams chat when you need to send a message to your teacher.
- Give yourself time to have regular screen breaks. This includes getting some fresh air.
- Let adults in your household know when you will need access to the computer.
- Behave online as you would in a classroom.
- Always remember to interact respectfully and sensibly.



- Rush your work.
- Use Teams Chat to send messages to your friends- it should only be used as an online learning tool and not a social media site.



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Support Your Primary School Child Through Lockdown

Learn Telford are offering a short online course to help parents to support their Primary School age child through Lockdown.

Topics will include;

- Emotional support and understanding the changing times
- Helping to deal with behaviour and routine
- Missing family/social interaction
- Support with Home Schooling

Start Date Monday 18/01/2021

This is the full link to the website to register:

<http://www.learntelford.ac.uk/Search/FullDetails/7931710?fbclid=IwAR3aj71GfxHz8m6D70kXREwkbMw2fBL->