

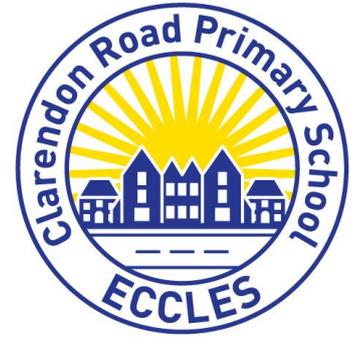
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Wednesday 27th January 2021

Re: Week 4 update

Dear Parents & Carers,

You have all made it to the half way point of a difficult half term! Well done!

We know how challenging it is right now. This lockdown certainly feels more difficult with winter weather meaning it is harder to get outside; fatigue of the situation kicking in; and the expectations of home learning being increased. This evening the Prime Minister announced it would be March at the earliest before pupils begin to return to school. We know this will have been a blow to many of you.

We just wanted to say - keep going! We know you have it in you, just as we know our children have the resilience needed to adapt to the changing situation.

Please DO NOT let the amount of home learning overwhelm you. School has to provide a certain amount according to the government but **you** know what is best for you and your child. If it is getting too much, drop a subject for a few days; choose to focus on what your child enjoys; step away from the screen for a day and have a screen free day. Your child will benefit from you making these decisions. Your wellbeing will improve and we fully support you making these choices.

If you are worried or concerned about home learning, please do talk to us. You can chat to staff doing the reading 1 to 1 sessions or email/ring school and a member of the team will get in touch. We really are here to help and support you all.

ACTION: If you have a minute, we would love if you could give us some feedback on our home learning offer and how school is supporting you right now. This will help us review and improve what we are doing for our families: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WQR6X5V>

The practical bits!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Monday 1st – Friday 5th February is Children's Mental Health Week. At Clarendon we are passionate about supporting the wellbeing of our pupils and our families and feel this is very timely, as we know many children are finding this lockdown harder than before.

With that in mind, our team has created wellbeing packs for each family to try to support you all, whether your child is learning at home or in school.

ACTION: Packs can be collected from school on Monday 1st February between 9.30 - 11am OR 1 – 2.30pm. If you cannot collect during one of these slots, please contact the school office to arrange another time.

*Pupils who are in school will be given their packs to bring home.

LEARNING PACKS

ACTION: Additional maths learning packs are available for **Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4** pupils. These can be collected with the wellbeing packs on Monday 1st February.

DEVICES & DATA

We have given out another 20 devices in the past week. We still have a few devices available to loan. If you would like one, please EMAIL school: clarendonroad.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk and we will arrange this for you.

We still have some free data packs available to use in any device to support your home learning. If you haven't received one, but would like one - just email to let us know.

CELEBRATION AWARDS

We had another lovely celebration assembly last Friday. Keep sending your nominations each week to celebrate pupils at home and in school. This can be for their work, general attitude or even how they are coping with the changes.

You can nominate your child for a Spirit of School award by sending us a message through the school [Facebook messenger account](#). Please let us know **why** they deserve the award, send a **picture** if you can and **which** spirit they have shown. Send these in each week by Thursday at 4pm ready for assembly on Friday.

You may even want to nominate yourself or a member of your household for supporting the home learning effort or being a critical worker!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Vouchers have been sent through the Edenred system to families who are eligible. If you have not yet received yours, please check your junk/spam folders then contact the office and the team will be able to help you.

NURSERY

Well done to our Nursery pupils who returned last week. They have all settled in brilliantly and it has been lovely to have them in school.

LATERAL FLOW TESTING FOR STAFF

As part of our safety measures, staff now have access to rapid testing to identify anyone who is Covid positive without symptoms. Staff will take these tests twice a week to reduce the risk to themselves, the team and the pupils they are working with. We will keep you informed if any staff members test positive and if this has any impact on the children who are attending school.

COVID-19 TESTING

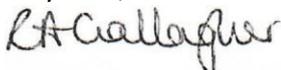
Please continue to follow the guidance for testing even if your child is staying at home.

If a child is unwell in any way, the Salford guidance is to have them tested to rule out Coronavirus. If you cannot book this through 119, please ring the Spirit of Salford helpline and they will book a test for you: 0800 952 1000.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please contact school:

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Stay Safe,



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