



*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

## Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School

### Weekly Update – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please can we start this weekly update by saying a huge **THANK YOU** for all that you are doing to support the school and the remote learning of your children. We fully understand how pressurised life is for families at the moment. Many of you are working from home, trying to support your children, continue with the demands of family life and some of you are also supporting other relatives. As teachers, none of us would choose to home school our children, and you are doing a great job in difficult circumstances. If one day home learning is a battle and affecting the relationships in your family take a break. The most important thing is that your child is safe and happy, and we will all work together to make the learning the best it can be. Getting outside and doing some physical activity is important. Please could we remind families that wherever possible this should be with people from your household. Some children have spoken about meeting up in the park with lots of other children. We know they are keen to see each other but it is still very important that we keep a distance from other households to minimise the risk of transmitting the virus to each other and our whole community.

We would also like to remind you that we are always available by phone or by email should you wish to talk to someone.

#### INSET Day

The INSET day scheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February has been postponed. Those children registered to attend school at present should come in as normal on that day and remote learning will be provided for children learning from home. We will confirm the revised date as soon as possible.

#### Google Meet

Thank you to those children that joined their class Google Meet last week. We know that some of you were trying and the technology let you down either on our side or yours! We would really encourage children to join their Google Meet sessions as we have had lots of positive reports from children and parents about the benefits of this face to face engagement with the teacher.

#### What to do if your child has symptoms

Thank you to all of you for helping us to reduce the chance of Coronavirus spreading through our school community by following the rules. Please do contact us with any questions you have, in these circumstances there is no such thing as a silly question.

Please **do not send your child to school** if they:

- Have any **symptoms** related to COVID-19. Common symptoms are a new, continuous cough; a high temperature; a loss or change of smell or taste
- Are **awaiting test results**. Your child must stay at home while they wait for the results of an NHS test (for rapid testing see below)
- **Test positive** for COVID-19. Your child must isolate immediately, along with the rest of the household.
- Have been told you or they are a **contact** (or in the school bubble) of someone with COVID-19 and have been asked to self-isolate.

If you suspect that anyone in your household has COVID-19, you must get them tested and the rest of the family must self-isolate until you either receive a negative result, or for the time you are asked to isolate. Please inform us at the earliest opportunity of any positive results or if you or your child are being tested.



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**Government Support**

The website link below takes you to information about some of the support being made available including financial support if you cannot work.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/help-and-financial-support-while-youre-self-isolating/>

**Laptops**

Thank you to all the parents that responded to either our technology survey or by email to the school office. We have started to loan some of the devices we already had in school and have now taken delivery of the DFE chrome books. These will be allocated later on in the week and a member of staff will be in touch with you about collection.

With Thanks

The Senior Leadership Team