

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break, despite restrictions in place. We are extremely sad that we are not able to welcome back all our pupils at the start of this term as planned. This was certainly not our wish as we started 2021 and we hope that we are all back in school together very soon.

I hope you have all seen the correspondence from Mrs Gammon regarding the closure of school and we will now be moving to remote learning for all children, until February half term, unless your child meets the criteria of being vulnerable or being the child of a critical worker.

If you wish to register, please urgently email criticalworker@QEGSBlackburn.com with the following information:

- Pupil/student name:
- Pupil/student form or class:
- DOB:
- Parent/Carer name:
- Reason for attendance:
- Job role (if relevant)

There may be a slight delay in adding your child to the list but we will endeavour to do this as quickly as possible so that your child can attend school at the earliest opportunity if they are vulnerable or the child of a critical worker.

We know that these are incredibly challenging times but your teachers continue to work hard to support the pupils in their learning. After taking on board the feedback from parents and carers from the previous lockdown, we will be running lessons via Google Classroom this half term. If you have not already received your child's login, we will be sending these out to you **today** and we will be holding a Zoom meeting which we invite you to attend if you would like any support in setting up your child's Google Classroom account.

We will hold three Zoom meetings today in the hope you can attend one of these times. The meetings will be held at 13:00-13:20, 13:30-13:50 or 14:00-14:20.

13:00

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Meeting ID: 926 5040 0581

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13:30

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Meeting ID: 938 0842 7433

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14:00

<https://zoom.us/j/96034195643?pwd=SDhqaytBdWVIUIEMitCOE5zOUFadz09>

Meeting ID: 960 3419 5643

Passcode: 603562

Home learning will be available via the OneDrive for today (06/01/21), whilst we prepare to switch to Google Classrooms. Please use **the attached PDF** to show you how to access Google Classrooms. We will be running some live lessons via Google Classrooms on Thursday and Friday this week, for each year group. These lessons will be delivered by either of the teachers for each year group and the times will be sent to you at the start of each day. These will allow you to check that you can access the home learning and contact your child's class teacher if you require any further support.

From Monday, our home learning will follow each year group curriculum timetable as closely as possible and will be a combination of 'live' and pre-recorded lessons, with activities to complete each day. During the 'live' sessions, pupils will be able to speak to the teacher or have their questions answered in the chat box. There will also be an open chat twice a day for pupils to contact their teacher and chat to their friends. Pupils will be sent their timetables this Friday via Google Classroom, with a list of resources that they will need for the following week and all pupils must aim to log into their Google Classroom at the start of each lesson. Teachers will be online to support during your lesson time. It is essential that you participate fully with the remote learning on offer and we will monitor the level of engagement from pupils. We will also be contacting you over the next few weeks to check in on each pupil. If you require any resources, then please contact your class teacher who will arrange for this to be made available.

We really do appreciate all your support at this challenging time and I thoroughly look forward to seeing our pupils in person soon.

Best wishes,

Mrs H Southworth