



## SMART CODE

**S**peak politely and listen carefully

**M**ake school enjoyable for everyone



**A**ct safely



**R**espect and care for each other



**T**ell someone your worries



### Term 3, Newsletter 1 (2020-21)

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents

I am writing to give you a few updates since the new lockdown has started. Since we heard about the lockdown on Monday evening at the same time you did, we have been awaiting further guidance from the DfE and have been told that it is on its way. We have been sent a list of job roles for critical workers and have been reminded that regular testing should take place in secondary schools and I hope to receive more information soon. We have nearly 40% of children coming to school as their parents are critical workers or they are vulnerable children.

#### REMOTE LEARNING

Teachers are sending remote learning for children staying at home and children who are in school are working through this too. From next week, this will be sent each week and you are able to email your child's teachers via the class email address. Please let us know how your child is doing and you can send any work back via the class emails. Teachers will also contact you and your child regularly. If you would like contact sooner, please let us know and we try our best to contact you as soon as we can.

We all know that as parents, many of you are juggling many things – working from home, lack of IT devices, slow internet speeds, stress of lockdown etc. You all do a wonderful job of being parents and these are unprecedented times. Please do as much of the remote learning as you are able to but please do not worry if you are not able to complete it all. You are only able to do your best and we will try to help you as much as we are able to.

#### READING BOOKS

I know that you will be very keen for your children to continue reading and our fantastic PTFA have recently bought many new reading books. If you would like to return the books your child already has and would like to borrow more, please let your child's teacher know by Wednesday lunchtime and they will put a set of books into a named bag and leave them on the school wall (in front of the office) for you to collect during school hours on a Friday. Please would you return any reading books in a bag with your child's name on it so we know whose they are. We will quarantine all books we send out and all books that are returned.

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children who are entitled to free school meals will have provision made for them. I am trying to find out more information so I can organise these but in the meantime, if anyone needs some extra support, please contact me as Leighterton Primary School are voucher holders for the Cirencester Foodbank, and I can make a confidential referral.

#### SIM CARDS FOR TABLETS, DONGLES AND WI-FI DEVICES

I have received 50 SIM cards with 30GB data pre-loaded. These can be used in old mobile phones, tablets, dongles and any other device that takes a SIM card. I know that while many parents are working from home, it can be tricky to find enough devices for everyone at home to use and hopefully, these may

help a little. If you would like a SIM card for each of your children who come to Leighterton Primary School, please let me know and I can arrange a convenient time for you to collect these.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all of your kind messages of support. We all really appreciate them.

With best wishes

Meryl Hatfield