



22 January 2020 - Ethos Statement "I know that what I say and do can affect my friends and family"

We are here for you!

It is widely recognised that things are certainly not easy at the moment. Please rest assured that there is support out there for you. If your child is currently in school and you feel that they need some support or if your child is struggling with being at home and away from school please let us know. We are here to support everyone in the Park Spring family.



There are some excellent resources you can view on our website using the link below:
<https://parkspringprimary.co.uk/key-information/safeguarding/>

Remote Learning

Well what can we say..... We are so proud of all of our children who have engaged in 'Remote Learning' and we would like to say a huge thank you to the parents/carers and families for all of your support, patience and enthusiasm in continuing your child's educational journey.



This is a format which is new to us all and while there have been some teething problems (which we expected) we feel that this is going fantastically well!

All of the staff at Park Spring have worked really hard to ensure we have guidance and support in place and we are continuing with the development of our process as we speak. We are now offering live lessons every morning and afternoon to ensure that the learning remotely is of the same quality as in school. An unbelievable improvement from lockdown 1, thank you. We really do feel that we are "Achieving Together".

If you or your child are having difficulties accessing remote learning please let us know, whether it be technology or internet access. We are here to support families during this difficult period and will endeavour to ensure every child at Park Spring has access to education.

Children In School

During this lockdown we have a higher number of pupils in school who fall under the categories set out by the Government, as children who should be offered a place in a school setting.



These children have adapted excellently to the smaller class sizes and also in some cases not having their regular teacher.

We are so proud of these pupils and the efforts they have made in these uncertain times and we would like to thank them and their parents/carers for ensuring the rules are abided by and for playing their part in keeping our staff and children safe.

I am sure we are all joined in thanking our Key Workers in our school for keeping us safe and the country running!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OTHER NEWS IN SCHOOL DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.parkspringprimary.co.uk



Free Book Each Week

Oak National Academy have developed a Virtual School Library and every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.



For children engaging in remote learning this is a great way to continue building on your weekly reading routine and expanding your vocabulary. Please visit the website below but this can definitely be used by EVERYONE!

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Positive Coronavirus Results

Educational settings have been asked to play their part in ensuring that positive coronavirus cases are recorded to help with the fight against the virus.



Therefore we still need to be notified of any children on roll or staff who test positive for coronavirus, whether they are in school or learning/working from home. Please provide a copy of your child's positive test result to school as soon as possible with a symptoms start date (by email: office@parkspringprimary.co.uk or text to the number below).

*****If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test result please contact school on our new number 07891274260 and leave a message. This number is monitored 24hrs a day.*****

*****PLEASE DO NOT USE THE OLD NUMBER AS THIS NUMBER HAS CEASED TO BE USED *****



Computer and Laptop Donation

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mr Holland, Lyla Holland's Dad, who has very kindly donated some laptops to our school through the company he works for.

We are aware that these items are a great expense to many families and that with parents working from home and multiple children accessing home learning, access to the online platforms is difficult.

With the donations we have received, we find ourselves in a position to provide a long term loan of computers to our families. This is not just for those children engaging in Remote Learning, the offer is open to **all families** who require these to support your child's development through online learning at home.

To apply for a long term loan of devices please complete the following questionnaire:

<https://parkspring.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/device-request-for-remote-and-home-learning>

Free School Meal Vouchers

There has been a lot coverage in the press and the news about the Free School Meal hampers and vouchers schemes and we would like to clear up a bit of confusion.



These hampers and vouchers are for the children of those families who are entitled to **Income Related Benefits**.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 do not automatically qualify for this type of Free School meal as their meals in school are covered by the Government Universal Free School Meals which is part of the Healthy Start Programme.

If you think your family should be receiving Income Related Benefit Free School Meals you will need to apply below:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Flu Vaccination—Year 3 to Year 6

As you will be aware the school nurses were unable to get round all the classes to administer the flu vaccination. If your child is in Years 3 to 6, or if they were absent on 4 December 2020, they will not have had their.

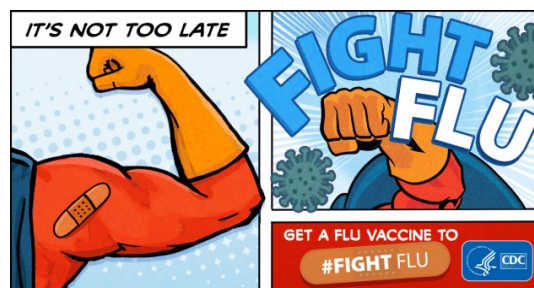
We did plan for a second visit but due to the current lockdown this is not possible in school.

If you would like your child to receive the vaccine as soon as possible they will be holding clinics at various locations on various dates as follows:

- ◇ Armley Chapel Lane Childrens Centre, LS12 1UT - Monday 25th January
- ◇ Chapeltown Childrens Centre, LS7 4AW - Tuesday 26th January
- ◇ Gipton South Childrens Centre, LS9 6QJ - Friday 5th February

These clinics are all operating on an appointment basis. If you would like to book a place, please call:

03333 583 397 (option 7 ext 2)



National Online Safety Service

You should have received a text message or may have seen our Facebook page regarding signing up to the National Online Safety Service.

This is FREE and is a brilliant support service for helping you identify factors which may result in your child being at risk while using online platforms and chatting in forums.

To sign up please visit: <http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/park-spring-primary>