



## Byfleet Primary School

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year! What a strange start to 2021. I hope you all had a restful Christmas break with your families and are all safe and well. This much-needed national lockdown has not stopped us from working hard to ensure that your children still receive a good deal in their education. I am immensely proud of what our staff have managed to achieve by going 'above and beyond', ensuring that we were able to switch to remote learning whilst juggling 41% of our Critical worker and/or vulnerable children returning to us for in-school education. It's been a busy few days but we are very happy with the way things are going with remote learning and in-school learning and appreciate all the kind messages and feedback from parents so far.




### Byfleet Crowdfund

You may have seen the extremely kind Crowdfunding that was set up by a local Byfleet resident, to raise funds for our children on Facebook. Rev McCabe has been in touch to indicate that this money will be distributed proportionally between local schools, which we will be delighted to receive. We will most likely use this money to buy logs ons for educational resources which our children can access online. He has also indicated that there have been many generous donations of printers and laptops (less than 6 years old) that will be quarantined and ready to be gifted to some of our families who need them. If you feel you would benefit from a printer or laptop, please email the office [info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk) and we will liaise with Rev McCabe who will distribute these.

### Remote Learning

It's been lovely to see our children logging onto their register call each morning and we hope you've found this time useful to ask any questions you may have. If you need any additional workbooks or resources, please come to school as we have left these for you to collect in our atrium.

Google Classroom can now also be accessed on Xbox and Playstations if you feel your child would benefit from this. [Here is a tutorial showing you how to access this.](#)



1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to Library
3. Select Library application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in Internet
5. Select the Internet Browser app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box Google Classroom and select the first link that comes up: Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below' <https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select Go to Classroom. Then log in using student email and password.



1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select My Games and Apps
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to Microsoft Edge application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select Go to Classroom
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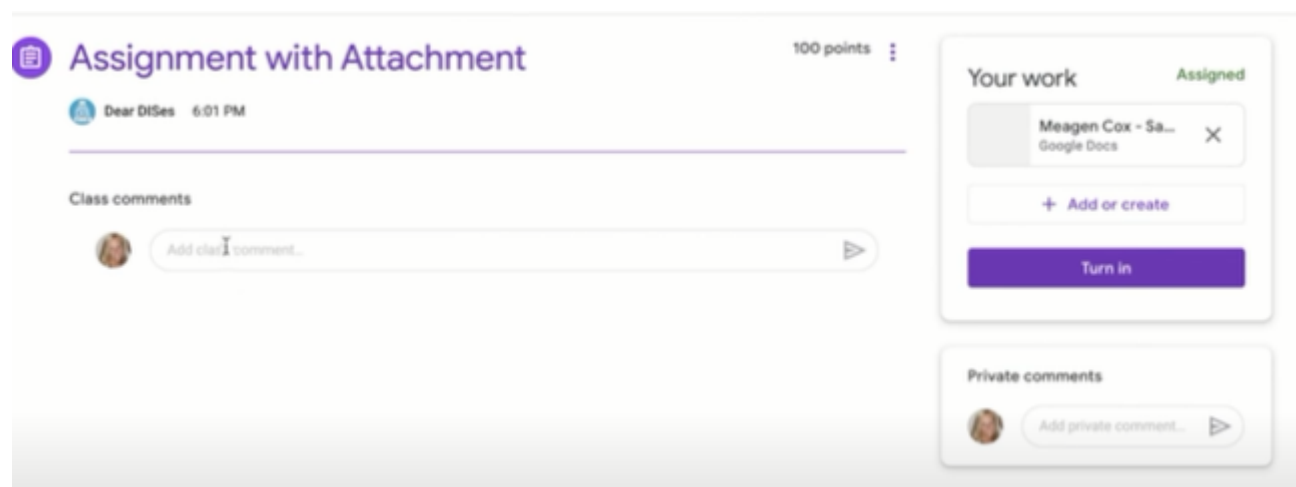
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Some parents have asked me how they can return electronic work and photos to Google Classroom. Please see the picture below: when you click on your child's assignment, you will see there is a 'Your Work' box to the right. You can upload your evidence here and then press 'Turn in'. Class teachers are working hard to provide feedback on work that is being submitted so do keep sending in work and photos for us to share.



At present, we haven't decided what a minimum expectation would be for you to share work with us and will clarify this with you next week once staff have had time to settle in to using Google Classroom more effectively. Please do remember to tweet your photos of any great learning to @byfleetprimary as we'd love to see what your children are getting up to.

### Stars of the Week

Each week, one child is chosen by their class teacher to receive a certificate for being the 'Star of the Week'. Well done to these stars.....

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Myla	Ivy	Leah	Daniel	Dylan Lacie	Jemima	Lila



### Forest School Teacher

Unfortunately we haven't been able to appoint anyone for our Forest School Teacher role yet so if you know of anyone who is a trained Forest School Leader, or wishing to pursue a career in Outdoor Education, please ask them to email us at [info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk).

### Food Parcels for Byfleet Families

Vaughan Starkey at our local church has asked for any of our Byfleet families who are in need of food parcels to please make contact with the food bank on 01932 355972 and they will help them out.

### Warm Fleeces – school uniform

Just a reminder that children may wear a PLAIN BLACK FLEECE as part of their school uniform. This needn't have the logo on it as I am hoping to keep costs down for our families. The weather is getting colder so please ensure your child is coming to school with appropriately warm clothing.



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### Non-Screen Activities to do with your children

We appreciate that remote learning requires your children to spend a significant amount of time on their laptops or devices so it is important that time is made for 'non-screen time'. Try these out...

# Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

25  
Ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.

**1** How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

'Learning from home is fun'

**2** Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Thanks!

**3** Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!



**4** Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

**5** Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

**6** Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

**7** Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!

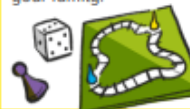


**8** Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



**9** Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

**10** Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.



**11** Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?



**12** Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

**13** List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.



**14** Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



**15** Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.



**16** Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.



**17** Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



**18** Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.



**19** Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



**20** Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



**21** Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

**22** Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



**23** Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

**24** Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.



**25** Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

Pobble.com – More writing. More progress.





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### Fresh Air Fitness

We are very excited with the progress our builders are making with our outdoor gym equipment and climbing walls. This is due to be finished off in the next fortnight so hopefully our children will get to have lots of fun on our new additions to the playground.



### Feeling Stressed or Anxious?

A charity called Woking Mind is on hand for any of our families who need support. It's free and confidential. Please see this flier.

### Clubs- For children in school

We still have space available in our **Breakfast Club** and **Afterschool Club** if you wish your child to attend. We have thought carefully about this provision, where the children are separated into the bubbles that they use during the school day so your child(ren) will not be mixing with other bubbles. Please contact the school office to enquire or book a place for your child.

Feeling lonely?  
Anxious?  
Depressed?

We can all feel anxious for various reasons but when these feelings increase, they can have a big impact on our wellbeing.

Our **Community Wellbeing Calls** service may help you by having someone to talk to, regularly on the telephone, about your troubles or wellbeing. These calls are free and may be the lifeline you need to help life feel better.

workingmind.org.uk  
Registered charity no. 1092561

**To find out more**  
Telephone 07860 340 739  
Email [info@workingmind.org.uk](mailto:info@workingmind.org.uk)  
\*We will need your name and contact number to call you back.

Service is available to all adults living in Surrey.



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### Critical Worker Status

A letter requesting evidence of critical worker status has been sent out to our families who have gained places for their children to be educated in school. The deadline for this letter is 12pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. If this affects you, please ensure you provide the correct evidence by the deadline or your child may lose their space in school and will have to revert to remote learning at home – thanks for your cooperation with this.



### Dates for Your Diary

<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – INSET day TBC Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June – INSET day TBC
22 <sup>nd</sup> February – Happy School Bag Collection w/c 1 <sup>st</sup> March – Science Week 3 <sup>rd</sup> March -- Parent/Carer Meetings TBC 4 <sup>th</sup> March – Parent/Carer Meetings TBC	29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> March – Y5 Bikeability Level 1 TBC

Please remember to stay at home and protect our NHS. Stay well and we hope that we will be able to open our school to all of our children in the coming months.

Kind regards,

Mrs Meyrick  
Headteacher

