



12th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

When I wrote to you last Monday, we thought we were going to be offering remote learning for 2 weeks, until later that day, the announcement was made this was being extended until half term with the next review scheduled for 19th February. The guidance is that home is the safest place for families for now as the new variation of COVID-19 is highly infectious. We are being advised by the DfE that even the children of critical workers and the most vulnerable should only be in school if absolutely necessary.

The teachers have put up the learning on Seesaw as well as the website and this week have been introducing Google Meet to interact directly with their classes. Those teachers and children that have already had their meetings have been really pleased to be able to see and talk to each other directly.

There is a video on how to do via this link:

<https://www.kensingtonavenueprimary.co.uk/parent-information/useful-links/>. We are developing the ways we use Google in our work with children to give them direct feedback and support their learning.

We have been working with families who have found access to Wi-Fi and/or devices difficult and these conversations are on-going this week too. The DfE have identified devices for the school but the system has been overwhelmed since the start of term and delivery dates are not confirmed yet.

For families with the need to access more data the school can arrange this with the following providers: EE; O2; Sky; SMARTY; Tesco; 3; Virgin and Vodafone. We will need the account holders name, the network and the phone number in able to process this through the DfE on your behalf.

The Free School Meal vouchers are also being processed for this week and last week and we aim to get those out to tomorrow via email.

We really hope everyone is staying safe during this really difficult time.

Best Wishes

The Staff at Kensington Avenue Primary School

