

Newsletter

7th January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reopened our school successfully and again appreciate the support we have received from governors, parents and of course Team CPS!



I know it is so hard to have to resume remote learning with your children at home and to return to lockdown. The government's advice is clear, particularly with the new strain/s of Covid that if you can keep your child safely at home, you should. Children should only be at school if they are at risk, vulnerable or children of critical workers.

It is very important that all children are supported by you and CPS to continue their learning throughout lockdown which we already know will be for a minimum of 6 weeks (half a term) and we will do our very best to support you in this.

In preparation for further remote learning, all of our staff wanted to build upon our successful offer developed last lockdown. We considered a range of options, consulted with several schools and considered feedback from our parents' questionnaire last term.

A minority of maintained schools trialled live teaching some lessons. This is tricky for working parents as one parent must be present for the whole session. Session timings are set and so inflexible; lessons may be missed if a parent has a work commitment which clashes. Live sessions take longer as every lesson contains some unnecessary elements (from the point of view of the child at home). The remote learner has to wait while further questions are asked and mundane activities happen, eg collecting resources, and the pace is set for the slowest learner. This means that timings aren't quite as clear cut as you might imagine. Live sessions also pose problems for families with several children who rely on being able to 'hot seat' one device as they cannot both access the live teaching sessions simultaneously. Parents who wish to actively listen to the input so they are able to offer support with related activities cannot do this if they have two children simultaneously accessing live sessions. It also raises concerns that a far wider audience is aware if a class based child responds to a question incorrectly or forgets their response, or is simply distracted. There are also safeguarding issues to mitigate.

We have therefore decided that the CPS remote learning offer will include recorded 'live' teaching sessions provided by the year group teams alongside powerpoints, videos and resources normally used in our face-to face offer for maths and English. This has many more benefits than 'live' teaching. The children see and hear from their teaching teams and each session is planned carefully to contain essential relevant learning only at an appropriate pace. The session may be accessed to suit each family so 'hot seating' is possible. Sessions can be played, paused and replayed as necessary so the child can revisit the learning or even pause a session to nip to the toilet! Recorded sessions do not require the presence of an adult and do not compromise those within a live lesson in the same way.

Alongside this, as I have already communicated, children will have a broad and balanced offer so they will be asked to complete work across the foundation subjects too. There will also be a weekly check in for trouble shooting any issues in learning, where they will be heard read etc.

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If you are at home, CPS is able to request free mobile data increases for families who don't have broadband at home & can't afford extra data for devices. (Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile & Sky Mobile are all taking part in the scheme.) Please contact the Office Team if this would be of interest to you. Equally, if you have any problems with technology we will try our best to assist!

We updated our risk assessments ready for our January return and have now rewritten them for the new lockdown! When these are finalised and shared with governors and Surrey we will add them to the website.

Many thanks for your continued support and warm wishes.

Please click [here](#) for up to date advice from the Government regarding the current lockdown rules.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow our Twitter page @ClaygatePrimary where we post updates and photographs of the children's learning and time in school as well as other information.



Cold Classrooms

We currently have all the doors and windows open in school to increase ventilation and keep everyone healthy.

Please make sure your children have extra layers on so they are not cold.

Thank you.

Consultation on Proposed Nursery Provision at Claygate Primary

Just a reminder that information about the consultation can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#). Alternatively, please click [here](#) to be taken straight to the consultation questionnaire.

Responses will be received throughout the consultation period which ends at midnight on 21 January 2021. These will then be analysed and the outcome will be published on the school website.

Surrey Libraries

Surrey Libraries have a number of resources available to help you support the learning of children, whether at home or at school. They have created lots of content for their brand new [YouTube Channel](#), and they have a variety of craft activities, an origami club and a Lego club suitable for older children and it's all free to stream from home. They have a regular schedule of new digital content with the upcoming schedule available on their [website](#). As well as creating their own content, they have also pulled together a list of great resources from all over the web. They have a whole host of things to see including virtual museum tours, lesson plans, even a play from The Pied Piper Theatre Company to stream at home! Visit them at [Libraries from Home](#) on the Surrey Libraries Website to see the whole collection, as well as all the usual online resources available to all members of Surrey Libraries, including magazines for kids available through PressReader and RBDigital.

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Milk & Fruit

Our suppliers have cancelled all our milk & fruit deliveries whilst we are in lockdown. Therefore, if your child requires a fruit snack can you please send them in with a piece of fresh fruit or fresh vegetable to have as a snack.

Online Shopping

Please don't forget to choose Claygate as your chosen charity when online shopping during lockdown. It's a really easy way to raise funds for the school whilst our usual fundraising events can't go ahead. Thanks for your support.

Head to Claygate Primary School Parents Association on the Giving Machine at thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/claygate-primary-school-parents-association to sign up.



To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk and select Claygate County Schools Parents Association as your chosen charity.



CPS Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

12.2.2021	INSET Day
15.2.2021	HALF TERM
1.4.2021	Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2021

19.4.2021	INSET Day
20.4.2021	First Day back for pupils
3.5.2021	May Day Bank Holiday
31.5.2021	HALF TERM
21.7.2021	Last Day of Term

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