



REMOTE LEARNING – THANK YOU

Good afternoon to you all,

As I reflect on our remote learning for all children, I could not be prouder of our school. The excellent engagement of children on Class Dojo has been commented on by so many of our staff. I am very aware of the pressure that this puts on all of our families at home. I know that many of you are juggling your own work commitments with supporting children at home in their learning. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the support that you have provided over the last couple of weeks.

I am immensely proud with the way in which our children have risen to the challenges of remote learning and the independence they are demonstrating online. It is truly a credit to them all.

In addition, I could not be prouder of our team of staff. Whilst working in very challenging circumstances they are so determined to provide the very best educational experience to our children, those working at home and those in school. From our site staff to teachers and support staff, they have been working round the clock to ensure that all our children and families are supported through this difficult time.

Our rap line 'If we all stick together and help each other through there's endless possibilities to what we each can do' has never been more important and reflects the true community spirit we have. Thank you all so much.

Remember we are here for you. If we can help you in any way, please email together@bucktonvale,tameside.sch.uk with your questions, queries etc. and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. We are in this together, you are not alone.

Have a lovely restful weekend,
Mrs Brown and your Buckton Vale team.

Free School Meals

On Monday, we ordered the first batch of FSM vouchers for our eligible families. The vouchers are then likely to take about 4-5 days to be processed. If you have not yet received them, please contact the school, via email, and we will look into this for you.

Also, if your circumstances change due to the current pandemic, you may be entitled to extra benefits. If you feel you may be entitled to FSM, please ensure that you let us know by emailing admin@bucktonvale,tameside.sch.uk

DONATIONS & Digital Support – ZEN TEC NETWORK SOLUTIONS

We have been extremely lucky this week. Mrs Brook had heard about a local company who were donating laptops, tablets and similar devices to companies and schools in the North West Area who had families in need of devices to help them with their home learning during this current period of lockdown.

Yesterday, Zen Tec Network Solutions from Dukinfield arrived at Buckton Vale with laptops, tablets and iPad's! We are so grateful for this donation and will be in touch with families as soon as possible to arrange for them to be dropped off.



These will be issued, on loan, to families we know are in need of support. If you need IT support please contact us using the together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk email.

If you have any unwanted, spare or even broken devices which you would like to donate to Zen Tec Network Solutions, please contact Mrs Brook using the admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk or contact Zen Tec directly on 0161 359 3986 and they can make arrangements with yourselves to collect or drop off the donations. The company will attempt to mend any devices or use as spare to ensure that families around the North West have support with their home learning.

Don't forget, the DfE issued information on increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children who are not attending school due to the latest lockdown restrictions. Some schools, academy trusts and local authorities can now request help to increase mobile data allowances for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit: Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile & Sky Mobile. Other networks may join at a later date.

Schools can also make requests for children who cannot attend school face-to-face because they are clinically extremely vulnerable or restrictions prevent them from going to school.

Tameside Support for SEN & Disability information, support & advice

Tameside SENDIASS
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information, Advice and Support Service

Training for Parents:
Making sense of SEND law
Date: Tuesday 23rd February 2021
Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm

This 2.5 hour session has been specifically designed for groups of parents/carers who want a 'rights based' insight into the SEND framework. The aim of the course is to provide attendees with an introduction to the relevant parts of the SEND legal framework including:

- Legal duties on education settings who are responding to children and young people with SEND - SEN support; what can be done if things are not going well and 'SEND misconceptions'
- EHC needs assessment - the test in law and 'misconceptions'; how to trigger an assessment; appeal rights if the LA say no; what must happen as part of the assessment if the LA agrees to assess; what you can do if it is not being done properly and finally; the test for issuing an EHC plan.

There will be a Q&A session during and at the end of the webinar. The webinar will be delivered by Claire Jackson from SENETA. Claire has 18 years experience in SEND which includes providing training, advice and representation to parents/carers and those advising them.

There are limited places, therefore please book your place as soon as possible by emailing sendiass@tameside.gov.uk

The course is a virtual course delivered via Zoom, once your place is confirmed the zoom link will be sent to you to join the training.



The Tameside SEND Pupil Support Service is offering a Parent Helpline to support any parents with children with additional needs at home. The team can provide advice and strategies regarding all areas of SEND.

The phone number for parents and carers is **0161 342 5503**. The call will be triaged and then passed onto the most appropriate service.

Parents and carers requiring support or guidance with SEND learners at home should call the helpline, where they can access immediate expert advice and strategies.

Please give them a call if you are worried about anything, no matter how big or small you think it may be. Talking to someone will help!

Also, we are carefully considering the provision for children with additional needs.

We encourage all parents to communicate with us and if you have any concerns about your child's learning and progress during this period then please do get in touch.

Mrs Quinn has arranged telephone meetings with some parents already.

Free on-line Resources

Live-N-Learn have created a complimentary 1 hour pre-recorded video presentation with some fantastic activities to support our pupils' **emotional health & wellbeing**. It is a home learning resource, aimed at upper primary (Yr3 to Yr6) and they asked us to share this with you all. Our children will have seen the brilliant display in our school hall prior to Christmas and they have already taken part in lessons to help with emotional health and wellbeing.

This lesson is a prequel to our popular, live [Wellbeing Webcast](#) programme, focusing on resilience, kindness, optimism, grit, worries, wellbeing, values & attitude.

To access this free resource, simply visit their [website](#) (live-n-learnb.co.uk) and use passcode PHW

First Edition News has also asked us to share their wonderful free resources with you.

For a limited time the company are currently offering FREE access to a digital edition of First News to parents and children at home. If you would like to take up this offer, please note there is no obligation from school to do so, you can [register from here](#).

Most of our children have access to First Edition News previously in school, which is a child friendly newspaper resource used in some of our lessons. Check out their website by clicking on the above link.

Message from our News Editor Nell

Here are my top 5 YouTube channels to help you get through lockdown!

[Joe Wicks the Body Coach](#). If you don't know he's posting live workouts 3 days a week so I recommend you join in it's a great start to the day 😊

[Cosmic Yoga](#). A great yoga and mindfulness channel which you can log into any time to help with any anxiety.

[Let's Go Live](#) (Maddie Moate). There are live educational videos three days a week which help you learn about different things. This week is pets week!

[Blue Peter](#). This channel of all the best Blue Peter videos is very enjoyable and can help you with a lot of things like fitness and mental health.

[Dr Chris and Dr Xand](#). They do daily live streams about different parts of the body. They are a bit shambolic as the technology usually doesn't work but when it does they are lots of fun!