

Rothwell Primary School



Information for the small

Friday 27th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all of us at Rothwell Primary School, we send our best to you all.

I really hope you are adjusting (as well as possible) to the huge changes that we are all undergoing at this time. For everyone, it is obviously a very worrying and unsettling time. I really want to thank you all for your support, kind words and appreciation; it has truly meant so much to us all during this ever changing time.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, we have been an extremely busy, responding to the ever changing circumstances and trying to do our best for our children, families and staff team. **I can not commend enough the incredible efforts of my team and am very proud of the way in which we have pulled together in order to ensure we can help our critical workers, to get to their vital roles. Thank you all.**

We hope the learning packs you were given, and the links to the online learning, have been useful. The packs and links were set up to help you support your children for this week and next. For any additional resources over the Easter period, please refer to the many links, logins and sites that we have sent you.

We are reviewing the use of online resources and are currently trying a few things with our Year 6 children - using Google Classroom. Further information will follow, ready for you to use after Easter. For login information regarding any log ins or passwords, please do not use Facebook, just e-mail in. We will sort these out next week. I have asked staff to take some time to rest and look after themselves and their families this weekend, we thank you for your understanding with this.

I think it is crucial to reiterate that your children and yourselves have undergone huge changes during this last week and this will take some adjustment for everyone. At this stage, nothing is more important than your child's emotional wellbeing. Spending time together playing games, daily exercise as a family, reading favourite stories, making things, building dens and playing in the garden - for those fortunate enough to have one - all really are valuable activities and should be a key part of any timetable. If you have a daily timetable, this should be flexible to meet the needs of your child at that point.

Some of you may remember that at the end of this month, we had planned for a mathematics workshop for children, followed by staff and then parents, all focusing on how to best support your child/ren's learning in mathematics. This training was due to be delivered by Dave Godfrey, who is a hugely experienced mathematics consultant and creator of the Number Fun Portal.

<https://parent.numberfunportal.com/> This is an incredible resource and he is currently offering it for free. This site is a great way to combine fun songs and mathematical concepts, as well as gain the knowledge and language you will need to use to support your child/ren. Number Fun songs are coupled with powerful visualisations, models and images. This is excellent for all Primary age children. If you join with your e-mail address, you can access all resources free.



Parent section: This has all of the Number Fun songs – which model the mathematical concepts, through using fun characters. Many also include a downloadable pack for parents, which offers guidance in explaining what's behind the songs and how to use this to help your children. Once you log on, click the link above—Navigating the Portal.

For children aged 5-7, every weekday at 10am, there is a live screening with learning songs and tasks – you can access this through [Parent.Numberfunportal.com/live](https://parent.numberfunportal.com/live). (Previous sessions from this week are also available).

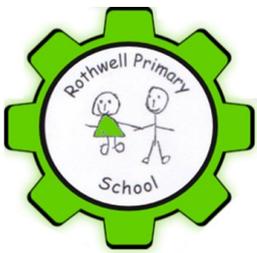
A huge thank you to our incredible admin team - your job has been beyond crazy during this last week! You have remained calm, helped us to adjust and establish systems, as well as answering the many questions, phone calls or e-mails - all in their usual calm, patient and caring manner. Following updated guidance, as of Monday, office staff will largely be working from home. If you have any queries, please e-mail us on our usual e-mail address: admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk.

From Monday, the only entrance into school will be the main entrance - this is for the small number of key worker children who will be attending school. Please note that there will be no access to the school car park.

In our usual RPS way—we will keep positive and get through this together! We miss you all, but we will be looking at ways to use Facebook and other media to have fun and help us all to feel connected.

Keep safe. We'll be in touch next week.

Leila Rothenburg



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Information for the small number of children who will be accessing school on Monday.

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We hope you are all managing throughout this stressful time. Being on the front line will bring you extreme pressure. I'm sure you have been making a difference each day.

Many of you have asked me to thank the staff team for their wonderful support, which has enabled you to attend your critical role. I am so grateful to my wonderful team, going over and above, balancing the needs of their own families, as well as the needs to support our children in school.

Next week will operate in a similar way to this week, apart from space we will use; this will change. We have a few additional children from critical workers on shift, and will therefore split into two groups, in the classrooms. For children in EYFS and KS1, they will be in Class 1 (Miss Verdi's class) and for children in KS2, they will be in Class 3/4 (Mrs Miller's class). This is to minimise risks for all.

Children are able to wear their outdoor PE kit to school each day. They will need to bring a named drink bottle with them and a coat. Lunches are available for those who normally order a school lunch.

For a small number of families, we are offering support during the Easter holidays, although we expect to be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. This is open to school approved **critical workers that have currently been offered a place for term time and:**

- HAVE NO-ONE WORKING AT HOME TO LOOK AFTER CHILDREN.
- ARE A SOLE PARENT OR BOTH PARENTS ARE CRITICAL WORKERS - AND YOU NEED THIS EMERGENCY CHILDCARE OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Please e-mail us at admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk by Monday 30th March. Stringent measures in place for this.

Please note, if we have made an offer of place after Easter, these offers still stand. Please let us know if you no longer require a place.

As mentioned above, you will need to enter through the main gate and come onto the main playground to access Class 3/4 or Class 1. As stated previously, please do not enter the school building; follow social distancing guidelines and please complete an up-to-date medical form, if you have not done so already.

From Monday, the school office itself will be closed. If your child is in school with us and you need to collect your child earlier, or speak to a member of staff with your child, there is an emergency only number to call. This number will be available for you when you drop your child off in school. It is only to be used for urgent contact, when your child is in school. For anything else, please e-mail school on admin@rothwell-pri.leeds.sch.uk

We are proud that we have offered your children a positive experience during this turbulent time. I know many of you have commented about how supported you have felt.

Kind regards
Leila Rothenburg

Working together to



our potential.