



5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!! We enter 2021 with a sense of optimism and hope that there will be better times on the way, however I am sure that after the government announcement of another lockdown last night, this might have been met with a current sense of apprehension as we move into the coming weeks. It is therefore important we remain optimistic with the highest of expectations about what we can achieve in this period, as well as staying connected as a community.

As you will no doubt be aware, the rising rates of coronavirus infections have led the Government to decide on delaying the return to face-to-face teaching in schools for the rest of this half term. Meaning that INA Primary will be closed for most pupils until Monday 22nd February at the earliest, depending on the situation at that time. Face-to-face education will only be offered to vulnerable pupils and children of key critical workers.

Remote provision will start for all year groups on **Thursday 7th January**. In the coming few days your child's class teacher will be in contact with you discuss the timetable and times that your child will be expected to be online for a 'touch base' session as well as the expectations for every child over the next half term. It is essential that your child attends both the live session with their teacher as well as completing any other tasks that are set.

As part of the call, your child's teacher will discuss with you the device that your child will be using to access their learning and will offer any support to ensure every child has access to live and remote lessons over the coming weeks.

Pupil progress reports will continue to be sent to you by Friday this week, your child's teacher will arrange a mutually agreeable time to book a 10 minute parent meeting with you, to take place next week with the purpose of discussing your child's report and next steps.

As a result of schools being closed for a far longer period than anticipated, it is crucial that we re-design our plans for remote/virtual learning for the next six weeks to ensure our students get a truly great experience and provision. I ask for your patience while we continue to put plans in place to ensure we support every child with their learning.

Yours sincerely

Ms Broadway

Head of Primary & Vice Principal