

King Edwin Primary School



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Update so far...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly I apologise as this is probably the 50th email you have received so far this week ...and its only Thursday! I understand that this is probably frustrating but I am sure you can understand that there is a great deal of information that we need to get out to you.

I wanted to update you on where we are at and how we are trying to support you all moving forwards. You may wish to contact us if you have missed anything in the list below:

Devices

- At least 25 devices have been shared with families that do not have access at the moment. There was an issue with ipads and we have swapped them for Chromebooks.
- Year 4 have been offered a loan of a new Chromebook (£60 until Sep 2021) - we have 30 devices on their way and we are considering doing the same for year 3 (please contact us if you feel this would be wanted by Year 3 parents)
- Year 5 and 6 can take up the Chromebook offer if they haven't already done so but most did so last year or before Christmas
- Data SIM cards have been given to some families - we still have some left in school
- A letter regarding an increased mobile data offer has been sent out this afternoon - it looks like this could be useful to many families
- We have contacted the DFE and Govt. to request intervention as the whole broadband network seems to be struggling with demand

Remote learning

- Most children are managing the remote provision at the moment
- We understand that some children may find the new provision a little challenging and we are trying to staff smaller, more bespoke breakout rooms online
- Timetables have been sent out via TEAMS for all children
- TEAMS etiquette meetings have taken place to help children understand how to conduct themselves online - a video has also been shared
- Our helpandsupport@kingedwin email is very busy - please use it and we will try to resolve any issues as quickly as we can

Critical worker and vulnerable provision

- Between 80 and just over 100 children are accessing this provision
- Parents are continually reminded that this is for essential necessity only and not simply a child care offer - if possible, children should not really leave the family home
- Children are getting very similar provision to those of children at home wherever possible - this is to ensure that fairness is achieved across our school community - obviously this is easier with older children that can work online more

Kind regards,
Mr Callaghan-Wetton

