

Ellwood Community Primary School



Bulletin - January 8th 2021

New Term

We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and that you and your families are keeping well. We are sad that the start of the new year has begun in lockdown but hopefully we will see you all again at school soon.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time for parents/carers, having to continue with their own work and also supporting your child's home learning but this is safer for all, especially with alarming increase of rate of infection locally and nationally.

Staff are working hard to juggle the demands of being in school with the critical worker children and also remote learning.

We hope we all return to school as soon as possible.

Reading Books

If you have requested reading books from school, they will be ready to collect on Monday morning from the school office.

My Plan Work

If you have been contacted by your child's class teacher regarding My Plan (SEND) work, this will also be ready for collection on Monday morning from the school office.

Thank you!

Cricket and Rugby

Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown situation we have had to cancel the cricket and rugby sessions which were due to take place this half term. We will hopefully be re-arranging them for later on in the year, when we are all able to be back at school.

Thank you.

Remote Learning

Children are requested to access and complete their home learning on line. It will continue until at least the February half term and this is therefore a significant amount of time out of the classroom, so the children need to continue with their learning.

If you have any problems please contact the class teachers on the year group email addresses, please see below:

Oak Class (Miss Peart) - Please use existing email address

Year One (Miss Hek) - year.one@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Year Two (Miss Chisman) - year.two@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Year Three (Mrs Aston) - year.three@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Year Four (Miss Carruthers) - year.four@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Year Five (Mrs Marshall) - year.five@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Year Six (Mrs Woodhouse) - year.six@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

If you are having difficulties accessing the learning platform or are in need of a device for accessing the platform, please contact the school office:

admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk

Using X Box or Play Station to access remote learning

We have been made aware that you are able to access remote learning via X Box and Playstation—please see instructions below. We are no experts in this but it may be worth investigating as an alternative means to accessing the platform, if you have a limited number of devices to use at home.

We also believe that the Kindle FireStick may be used to access remote learning too, so it may be worth having a look at this also.

X Box

1. Plug a keyboard into the x box USB slot
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in : ellwood.calibrae.com
5. To move around you can use the X Bbox controller or plug in a mouse.

Play Station

1. Identify the Play Station internet browser icon (it is the WWW with dots around it)
2. Press PS4 logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go into applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type in : ellwood.calibrae.com
6. To move around you can use the controller or plug in a mouse.

If this is unsuccessful, please research who to do this.

Critical worker's children attending school

We really want to be able to support active critical workers, who require a school placement for their child/ren and have no alternative childcare. If there is another parent who is not a critical worker, we feel they should care for their child/ren safely at home. If they are unable to do this, we suggest they talk to their employer. We know that in order to keep everybody safe, we ask that you are mindful of the challenges which will be evident in our classrooms if we have too many children attending. Limiting attendance is about supporting the reduction of the overall number of social contacts in our communities. In the face of the rapidly rising numbers of cases locally and across the country, which is leading to intense pressure on the NHS, we now need to use every lever at our disposal to reduce all our social contacts wherever possible. This means keeping families at home unless there is no other option.