



Upper Arley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are half way through the first half term and what a great effort you have all put in to a new term. School is very quiet without all the children here but I can see from the feedback the teachers have given that you are all working hard and with such enthusiasm—**Well Done!** Keep going for just a little while longer, you are doing such a great job, I do understand how difficult it may be for you, so please get in touch if you need some help.

Particular thanks and recognition go to those parents who have persevered and broken through the remote learning barriers or who have asked for support with this. This is not easy. I am so glad that we have been able to help you with accessing the learning provided by the teaching staff here at Upper Arley. I am aware that situations do change, so if you find yourself with any difficulties accessing the remote learning please do get in touch with us as we can find a way to help.

We continue to remain open for essential workers and those who have more vulnerable needs to in order to access remote learning and additional learning support. Thank you for your diligence and persistence with the protective measures recommended and adherence to school requests for support in this. School staff continue to apply these measures and from the end of this week will commence twice weekly testing at home to ensure that only personnel who are not transmitting the infection are in school with your children.

Unfortunately, there is a chance that this may cause some disruption to those children who are coming to school as asymptomatic staff may present a positive result and need to isolate. We will keep you informed as soon as we can should this occur.

Should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at head@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk.

Mrs Tracie Langfield, Head Teacher



Remote Learning

Over the last term, staff have refined the learning opportunities available for all children, adjusting the approaches and content available to enable your children to access learning to suit their needs and style of learning and make progress. There are some elements to learning that will be more difficult to achieve remotely (practical science and some art techniques) but we ask for your support and patience as we continue to navigate through the planned curriculum. You will see on the school website that there is a policy and explanation that helps parents to understand what we offer and how, but also what is expected of all involved, staff, children and parents. Please do make yourself familiar with this [page](#).

THANKYOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the The Jasmine Charitable Foundation for the donation of 7 new Chrome Books to support with learning at home. We are very grateful to Mr Atwell for putting forward Upper Arley's school name to receive the generous donation.

PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

The deadline for applying for school places was the 15th January 2021. This is for spaces in Reception September 2021

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions

We are still welcoming bookings for tours of the school out of school hours should you know anyone who is interested in considering Upper Arley C of E Primary school for their child. Please contact the school directly on 01299 861260 or via email head@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk to arrange a suitable time and date.



Nursery care for 3-5 year olds

Please contact the school office or HHWAC@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk directly if you would like a place in Nursery after Easter. We currently have funded and fee paying spaces available for 3-5 year olds. Our nursery staff work closely with school staff in Owls class, planning and assessing learning and development. This term, the children are enjoying learning with the older children in Owls class and accessing their resources as well as weekly music sessions with Mr Carrigan and Forest School with Sandra Hill.

Reading remotely.....

For some pupils, this area of the curriculum can be easy to continue with out of school but we recognise that for others locating a suitable book to read may be more difficult. Therefore, we have located some websites links where you may find the book you are looking for.

If you are in KS1 or Early Years, you will have access to the [Big Cat Collins](#) books that support your development of phonics and early reading. Please speak with Miss Robertson if you do not have a log in.

For pupils in KS2, your teacher may recommend books from the story shelf on your Showbie platform. But, you may also like to use the following links to choose something a little different...

[visit the Worcester Libraries](#)

[Oxford Owl](#)

[Top Ten Digital Books](#)

[Top Ten Storytimes](#)

[Top Ten storytimes for ages 7-11](#)

[Oak National Academy](#) share a new digital book each week

[CBEEBIES](#)

[World Book Day resources](#)

[The Book Trust](#)



Don't forget, you can hear your teachers read a story on the schools [You Tube channel](#) !