



# Upper Arley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the half term draws near, I would like to update you on the progress school is making despite these difficult times in the pandemic. As you can imagine like parents and carers, we have needed to adapt our way of working to be able to maintain the consistency in our procedures for monitoring teaching and learning within school.

In the last week or so we have undergone a review from the Teaching School Alliance and Local Authority Advisor of these elements within school, focussing on the **impact of leadership**, our **remote learning offer** and the **transition between the Early Years and Key Stage 1**.

### The following key strengths were made:

- HT has high expectations and well developed in-school systems
- Strong induction and support for new teachers
- Refined systems and provision for SEND pupils
- Strong Remote Learning offer
- EY/KS1 environment strong learning focus
- Highly engaged children

### Areas identified to further develop

- HT to update the School Development Plan to reflect schools current priorities
- Plan to accelerate the progress of key groups
- Target timely catch up to close any gaps in learning for pupils
- Design a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the impact and effectiveness of remote learning

I will keep you updated with the progress against these priorities as we continue to move forward this year.

You may have seen, and completed already, the [Parent Questionnaire](#) which supports our evaluations in moving the school forward. If you have not done so already, please take a few moments to review this for us, your responses do help us to evaluate the schools provision and where we need to develop further.

There are many exciting things planned for next half term, including World Book Day and Science Week. Look out for further details in the newsletter and after half term. We are liaising with agencies and services to provide sessions remotely as well as in school so that all children receive the same provision. Please help us to support these virtual events by logging in with your children daily and reading the newsletters.

I do hope that the weather will be kind this holiday for you to get out and enjoy family time together. I wish you well and look forward to seeing you after the holiday.

Mrs Tracie Langfield, Head Teacher

## Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

After Christmas we had had our fingers crossed that, even with the continued pandemic situation, some normality would resume with school. What a shock that after the first day to be in the situation of key worker children in school and home-schooling for the rest.

Thankfully so far school has been able to remain open, without one bubble having to close, part of this is due to the care families have shown in following guidelines for schooling and in their own communities and for that, as a school, we are very grateful. Thank you.

This week Governors have had sight of some work the children have done over this first half of the Spring term and we are impressed with the diversity, quality and quantity of everything we have seen. This reflects the hard work of the staff developing a curriculum that transfers between home learning and class based lessons, and the dedication of guiding children at home to persevere with work, produce their best and to keep in the routine of uploading the finished tasks so that teachers can comment and guide the progress. To all the children thank you for your hard work and patience with this situation, everything is being done to try and make it bearable and too support you and your families.

All the best for half term, lets hope we have bright clear weather to enjoy and that you have the opportunity to rest and recuperate for however the second half of the term unrolls.

It is during half term that we will get the final news about the conversion to academy status and our position with Black Pear Trust. Mrs Langfield will keep you informed as soon as she has news.

Keep safe and well, support each other via the channels that we have become accustomed to using that help us to maintain social distancing and see you after half term.

Regards

Freda Griffith

Chair of Governors



**Our next homeschool resource is ready ! This time it's about the parable of the two sons in Luke 5.11-20**

<https://bddy.me/36X41yI>

**The resources are free to download and packed with exciting activity suggestions, suitable for children aged 5-11 years. Other resources are available [here](#)**

**Next half term, as a school we will be focussing on the value of justice—treating people fairly, making wise decisions and of course celebrating Lent and Easter. We hope that you will be able to join us in this.**

## 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](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 thier child. Please contact the school directly on 01299 861260 or via email [head@upperarley.worcs.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 developement 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 Nataional Academy](#) share a new digital book each week

[CBEEBIES](#)

[World Book Day resources](#)

[The Book Trust](#)



Dont forget, you can hear your teachers read a story on the schools [You Tube channel](#) !

## HERE 2 HELP WORCESTERSHIRE



A reminder that Here2Help is here for families self-isolating and unable to get support from friends, family or neighbours.

On the Here2Help website families can find resources to help with staying at home during Coronavirus as well as an online form they can fill out to request the support they need. If the family does not have internet access, they can call **01905 768053** which is open Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4.30pm.

Here2Help will signpost callers to up to date advice and arrange volunteer support where required to help those who are unable to leave their homes as a result of needing to self-isolate.

- The types of support available include:
- Collecting and delivering food and supplies
- Arranging emergency food support
- Help collecting prescriptions
- Help with other commitments such as pet needs
- Support for those who are feeling isolated
- Advice around money, benefits and debt

For more information visit: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help)



**Ready Steady Worcestershire** provides information about food, activities and support available to families **during the school holidays**. We recognise some families find it difficult to feed their children during the school holidays. By clicking the interactive map link, you can find organisations in your local area that can provide families with either food items to cook a meal at home or prepared meals for children during the school holiday period.

We also recognise that when children do not have the structure and routine provided by being in school, keeping children active and entertained can prove difficult. The interactive map shows activities taking place in local communities during the school holidays. The webpage also contains lots of activity ideas which can be done at home, particularly useful if the family is self-isolating. School holidays can be a demanding time for parents financially, as well as in terms of managing household stress, relationships and mental wellbeing. Included on the website there are lots of help, ideas and support available for families to make the most of the extra time together and to ensure children are ready to go back to school.

For more information visit: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs)