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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 arrangements from 5/1/21

I hope that you all had a restful Christmas break and Happy New Year to you all. I am sure that you have all been following the news and you are aware that due to the rise in Covid cases across Essex, the decision has been made to close Primary Schools for all year groups from 4/1/21. Monday 4/1/21 was a scheduled INSET day for our school. I am writing to inform you of our plans to support your child/children and families during this time.

I am sorry that the New Year has started in this way, all the staff at Abacus Primary School continue to want the very best for your children and we have already spent a considerable amount of time during our Christmas Break to put measures in place, which we really hope will support this period of closure.

I will be holding short Zoom sessions to talk parents through these new arrangements. I hope that you will find these sessions useful, I know that these can be challenging times and I feel it is important for us to continue to work together. To allow for all thirteen classes, these will be spread across Tuesday and Wednesday.

These sessions are for parents of children who will not be in school as Critical Worker children or Vulnerable children. If your child falls in to these two categories, then please read the letter which outline the provision for these children in school

<https://www.abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/coronavirus-update>

The two sessions for Year 4 are:

Black Class – Tuesday 5/1/21 at 10.10am

White Class – Tuesday 5/1/21 at 10.30am

Class teachers will also join these meetings.

Teachers will send you the zoom invites on Tuesday morning via the school text system. For Safeguarding purposes, these links/codes must not be shared and please join the meeting using a zoom account in your child's name only. Any unfamiliar names **will not be admitted to our meeting.**

Remote Learning Provision

The remote learning for the children in Year 4 will be uploaded to the Class page on our school website.

Tuesday 5/1/21

Activities will be added to your child's class page on the school website.

To access these please click on the links below:

Black Class: [Black Class | abacus \(abacusprimaryschool.co.uk\)](https://abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/black-class)

White Class: [White Class | abacus \(abacusprimaryschool.co.uk\)](https://abacusprimaryschool.co.uk/white-class)

From Wednesday 6/1/21

Staff will be teaching live lesson inputs via Zoom. Following the live teaching inputs, there will be activities which children will complete.

Each day we will teachers will send zoom links via the text system and the class email accounts. For Safeguarding purposes, these codes must not be shared, and children must enter using their own name. Any unknown names will not be admitted to the sessions.

- A Daily session of GPS, mental Maths, spelling (the session will be different on different days)
- A Daily live Maths session and activity - for children to complete following the live session.
- A Daily English live session and activity - for children to complete following the live session.
- An invite to a daily Zoom afternoon topic/catch up session.
- Topic planning/activities for children to complete when they are ready.

Communication

I will continue to write the weekly school newsletter during this period and school staff will still be accessing the school text system.

Please send an email to your child's class teacher via the class email to establish contact:

Black Class- Blackclass@abacus.essex.sch.uk

White Class- Whiteclass@abacus.essex.sch.uk

I am hopeful that our new ways of working run smoothly this week, but this is new to all of us, so please do bear with us during this period of transition.

Should you have any worries or concerns, please do contact us, in the usual ways.

I look forward to seeing many of you online (apologies in advance for my hair!) we will get through this and I am sure there are happier times ahead.

Please all take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Blakeley