



# The Alton School Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Colleagues,

I hope that you are all safe and well.

It is lovely seeing so many more of you at the beginning and end of the school day, we do miss you all. Thank you for your positive words of encouragement and support, which we are all grateful to hear during this time.

The government released their guidance yesterday about all schools being back in September and the attendance regulations will be back in place. I am working through that and will let you know about what that means for all of us next week and will let you all know then.

We have loaned out computers to approximately 30 families, organised data to be delivered to them and have had food and learning parcels going out to nearly 20 families. As your school, we are doing everything we can to help you during this difficult time.

If your child is in Y6 and has borrowed a computer, can you please return it during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July? Thank you.

We now have every year group open which has given us all great pleasure. It has been lovely hearing the children's laughter and excitement coming from their various classrooms and outdoor spaces as they complete their learning.

It is only because we have small numbers of children coming back to school that we can have every year group open. All schools across the country are trying to do their best to have as

many children in school as possible. Every school building is different, all staffing is different and so will be the way that we are able to open to your children. It is impossible to compare schools against each other as we all have unique circumstances. It is possible to be kind to each other and be pleased we are able to return at all.

## **Start and end of the day**

It is really important that when you bring your children to school and when you collect them you come at the times we have given you. This is to prevent anyone from being at risk of catching Covid-19. The government require us to keep the children in groups which do not mix, if you are late you will mix your child with a different group. We want everyone to be safe and need your help to do this.

## **Rights Respecting**

Next week we are focusing on Article 29: You have the right for your education to use and help develop your talents.

Please support us by using the language of rights and responsibilities with your children, asking them what they have been learning about from the home learning website and celebrating their work with them.

## **Excellent Learners**

Our Excellent Learner quality next week is "ask for help". We understand that it can be a really good time, whilst you are home, to research and

learn about something new. I hope you all can show me your new skills when I see you in September.

### Q1E Website – Home Learning

The Q1E website <https://q1e.co.uk/home/> is continually evolving and developing, as a result of the incredible teachers and other staff across the Q1E Trust. As always, 5 days of English and Maths, and a broad and balanced Curriculum document each week. Teacher Talk: teachers talk through the home learning for each day so that children can develop a sense of independence. Teacher Hello Videos: teachers posting videos saying hello to your children to cheer them up.

Lesson video links: [blue hyperlinks](#) are included in each English, Maths and Curriculum plan so that children can develop a better understanding of their learning. Click on these to see the lesson.

Assemblies: Assemblies are now on the Alton and Q1E website, showcasing children's work from Seesaw as well as from phone calls.

### Maths Workbooks

We sent out the maths workbooks and photocopied textbook materials. **If your child is returning to school, can you please ensure that your child brings these back in for their first day?**

### Artspace

Please send a photo of your artwork to [artspace@q1e.org.uk](mailto:artspace@q1e.org.uk) including in the email your first name, class and school and a title if appropriate. Thank you!

### End of year reports

Next week we shall be sending out your children's end of year reports. Unfortunately, we cannot offer you a meeting to discuss them, but the teachers will be calling you during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July and that is your opportunity to discuss what we would normally talk about.

### Phone Calls

Teachers love talking to the children in their classes and the feedback we are getting from you is equally positive. As we are now returning to school, it may not always be possible to call on Tuesdays, so please talk to your teacher to organise a time that works best for you both. Please remember children can talk to their teacher about anything: questions about home learning, a catch-up about what they have been up to, or any worries they may have.

### See Saw

If you have not yet signed up to See Saw, (<https://web.seesaw.me/>) please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be able to help you access login details.

With best wishes,

*Ruth Hudson*

Headteacher