

The Great Bricett Annual Parish Meeting – 4th May 2021

This report will give a short overview of the learning provision in place during the spring 2021 lockdown where schools were closed to all but essential workers and home learning measures were implemented. It will also give an overview of the school plans for the future.

Lockdown learning overview

Ringshall Primary school closed to the children of non-essential workers on January 6th 2021. After that children of essential workers and children deemed vulnerable were invited into school. Staff worked on a rotational basis to teach the children who came to school and deliver the home learning offer.

Safeguarding remained a priority during the lockdown period, vulnerable children continued to be monitored and were invited to attend school. Children who were not in school, who were either deemed vulnerable or were not engaging with the online learning or teacher communication, were visited on a regular basis by the schools Educational Welfare Officer (EWO).

Teachers, as well as providing a comprehensive and interactive learning experience online, had regular contact with families through well-being phone calls home, emails, hangout assemblies and live lessons.

Google classrooms were used as the home learning platform during lockdown for year 1 to 6, Early Years children had work posted on Tapestry.

Work was posted daily for children in English, Maths and the foundation subjects. Over a typical week all foundation subjects had work set. Work was supplemented with live lessons in Google Chat, recorded lessons, videos and social chat. PE was not missed either, lessons were uploaded onto the Google Classrooms to keep the children active.





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Future plans - a learning mind-set for all

It is an exciting time for Ringshall Primary School. We have plans to develop a topic based curriculum from September that both ensures curriculum coverage and engages the children in varied and inspiring topic based learning. This approach is designed to develop life skills, such as oracy, empathy, teamwork, curiosity, mind-set, resilience and strategic thinking, as well as driving core subject knowledge, reading and writing skills and numeracy skills.

In next year's action plan reading will be at the heart of everything we do. We intend to ensure every student is a fluent reader by the time they leave Ringshall Primary School. We believe that reading is the secret to success in life and therefore must be our number one priority. We will be teaching reading across the curriculum as well as in English lessons and we will be giving children access to reading materials and opportunities to read or listen to stories in various forms throughout the week.

Wellbeing will be at the heart of everything we do. We have launched 'Wellbeing Wednesday' which is a day, once a week, devoted to developing a healthy body and mind. We are putting in plans to make sport, music and opportunities for new experiences, a central part of the Ringshall school experience. We intend to give the children an education that feeds, inspires and develops their learning mind-set.

We also have exciting plans to rip up the derelict adventure playground and replace it with a state of the art fitness and assault course that can be used for play, sport and nurture interventions. We are also planning to invest in our library, our outdoor learning resources and further develop our computing capacity.

On a final note, Ringshall Primary School intends to position itself fully within the communities it serves. Developing links and partnerships within the community, is a central ambition for the school as it moves forward.

