



CARLTON MINIOTT PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dates for your diary 2021

- 19th and 20th January - Parents Consultations

Dear Parents/Carers



Home learning

Thank you all for engaging so well with our move over to Teams. We have almost every child engaging so I wanted to outline our learning going forward by answering some frequently asked questions.

Why has school moved onto Teams?

Teams enables us to have far more interaction with the childrens' learning. Teacher's can

- Hold live lessons with children.
- Provide recorded lessons.
- Set different work for different children where needed.
- Provide written feedback.
- Respond personally to difficulties children are having.
- Track when the children are on teams and provide support to parents.

How much work should the children be doing each day?

The Government have put a legal duty onto schools to provide 3 hours online learning for KS1 children and 4 hours for KS2 children and this is the time the Government expects your child to spend on school work each day.

How do I plan out my child's daily learning?

From next week the teachers will be ensuring there is a timetable for learning on Teams which will give you a guide on how to set up your day. Use this at the start of the day to plan out, with your child, what will happen in the day. Make sure you include in your plan breaks, lunch and time for exercise.

What should I expect online?

Every day the staff will be putting on Maths and English lessons and an afternoon activity which over time will include all the different areas of the curriculum. To keep up the children's fitness we do expect the children to take part in some physical exercise each day. In the left hand pane of Teams there will be a list of the days of the week. The work for each day will be placed in here. Please try and get the children to complete all the tasks, not just their favourites.

What are live lessons?

During the week there will be live lessons and maybe some recorded lessons too. This is a great opportunity for the staff to check in with your child's learning and give them guidance.



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These will often be done in small groups as these are more effective and will enable to support children more closely with their learning. You are welcome to join these to and share in your child's learning. These are a key part of the online provision and so we expect children to attend if invited. These can be accessed by clicking on the icon labelled calendar and then clicking on the join button on the meeting your child has been invited to.

How can I feedback about how my child has understood the work?

The ability to provide feedback to your child is an important way of keeping them engaged with their learning. Please ensure you use the hand in function on the assignments page to give in your work to be marked. Instructions can be found in the handbook that was sent out with the letters and is attached to this Newsletter. Reception parents please hand in your work via the Tapestry app. Please help the staff by only uploading work to these two places. We would welcome your feedback especially if your child struggled with the work they have been doing. Please write your comments on the bottom of your child's work before handing it in to the teacher.

How can we support our child further?

Next week is parent consultations. At those meetings your child's teacher will be able to give you specific objectives to work on to support your child. However, we are keen that children continue to do their best work at home. Please encourage them to present their work as they would at school and that their handwriting is important as well as the content. Ensure your child attends the live meetings they are invited to and try to stick to the daily plan of work.

I'm keen that we improve what we are doing so if you have any constructive comments please email the school office.

Thank you for your support with this as we work through this together and if there is any way we can support you then please email the school office.

Free School Meals

For those who are not in school and are receiving the lunch grab bags these will be available from Tuesday at 11.30am next week. The following week we will be moving back to the voucher scheme which you will receive by email.



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Closing a bubble

Unfortunately, we have had a positive case of Covid this week and so the Class 1 bubble will be closed next week.

Parent Consultations

Don't forget to sign up for parent consultations next week. If you have any difficulties booking please contact the school office and they will do it for you.

Mr. Armstrong's Good News

Congratulations to Mr Armstrong and his wife for the lovely news that they are expecting a baby, due in March.

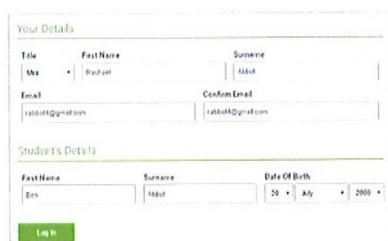
A message from Thirsk Community Library

We would like to thank you for all your support with our first Christmas Reading Challenge at Thirsk Community Library and for the encouragement/promotion of the Challenge with your families. We were delighted to have 188 children take part during these challenging times and it was great to have so many children reading and either borrowing books for the first time or coming back to the library for the first time since the pandemic started, so thank you.

We would like to continue to support your school with their education either by offering our computers for them to book and use or borrow our books as they home school. We are continuing with our services: the use of our computers, book, audiobooks, DVDs borrowing via home deliveries and call and collect; also we have started jigsaws loans this week. We are really happy to deliver books/jigsaws to any children/adults in our local area thanks to our partnership with Community Works and its volunteer drivers as we have a library full of children's books that need to be in their homes and not on our library shelves. Please see flyer attached for more details.

Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

Browse to <https://carltonminiott.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

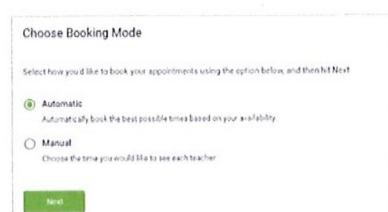
A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.



Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

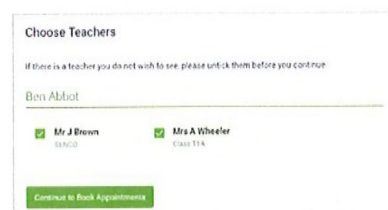
Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.



Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

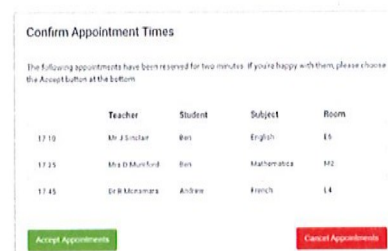
We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.



Step 4: Choose Teachers

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

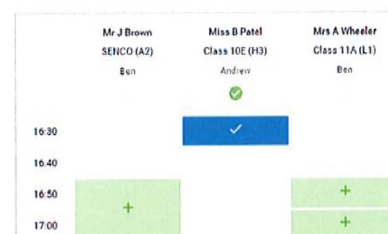


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Mr J Brown	Ben	English	15
Mrs D Munkford	Ben	Mathematics	102
Mr B Munkford	Andrew	French	14

Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).



Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.

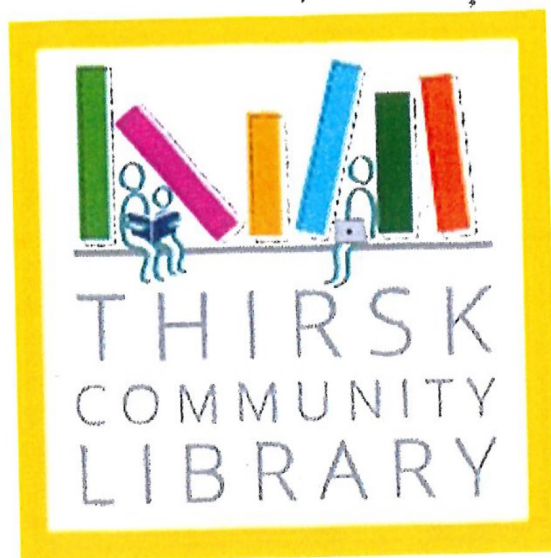


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Step 6: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the *My Bookings* page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.



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