

Key worker kids in COVID19

Reported by a year 6 pupil of Upham school

Last year has been a struggle for everyone, when we came in to this year I think the new lockdown was a surprise for most people and it ended in tears for quite a lot of family's with younger children. It was even harder for some children whose parents or guardians are not there to help them with their work being key workers. The school became aware of these children who could not do their work and so would fall behind when they came back from lockdown. I will focus on these children at Upham school in this report it being a smaller school normally only has 95 children. Since only the key worker kids were there it has had about 25 children a day. The children can choose which day they go to school depending on when their parent/guardian works. When in the school the children are given lunch as normal choosing if they want green [vegetarian] red [meat] or packet lunch which they bring to school. Normally they would also be given the choice of a jacket potato which was voted on and changes daily but due to there being less children this is not available for the children. They also are to come in through the office door not the playground as they would normally do. They each have

they own table which helps with distancing and they have their own laptop and headphones which also limits germs from being able to travel. They use the laptops to access the home learning and are supervised by a teacher. The classes are normally class one for the receptions, class two for the years one and two, class three for the years three and four and class four for the years five and six. Since only the key worker kids are here they are using class two for the reception the years one and two and they use class three for years three, four, five and six. The teacher that supervises help when they need it and when they don't they mark the home learning that is sent in daily. The playtimes are different as well using zones which are rotated. Before this ends I think all the key worker kids and the kids working from home would like to say thank you to the teacher who have been working so hard.