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Dear Parents / Carers,

Home learning

Thank you all for your patience as we again embark upon the strange world of home learning. We recognise that having been given such short notice of the latest lockdown, some people are experiencing teething problems and equally there are areas of learning that we can refine over the next few days.

The Government expectation for home learning is as follows:

- set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects
- set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum:
 - primary: 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort
 - secondary: 4 hours a day, with more for pupils working towards formal qualifications this year
- provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos
- have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern
- gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback, at least weekly, using digitally facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate
- enable teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding

Mrs Kipling is working from home and will be using a combination of Tapestry and Teams to communicate with the children.

Currently, Miss Howells and Miss Alvarez are working in school, delivering home learning while also supervising the children who are attending school. This means that the delivery of the learning in Classes 1 and 3 is different to that in Class 2.

In Class 1, Miss Howells is uploading onto Teams the same work that will be completed by the children in school. This will include the teaching materials that she would use to deliver the lesson to children, in line with the guidance above. These materials are for parents to use to explain the new content to the children. In addition to this there will be a work sheet or exercise to complete. Going forward, Miss Howells will indicate which documents need to be printed. As we settle into the home learning, Miss Howells will trial running some live Teams sessions. Hopefully the first of these will be later this week, these will initially be for a morning welcome or to share a story. If these sessions are successful, we will trial some lesson inputs for Class 1.

In Class 3, Miss Alvarez is delivering all the lessons live online. This is really valuable and should enable the children to complete their daily learning independently. If you are having any issues accessing this, please do let me know and we will do all that we can to support you. There may be odd occasions when Miss Alvarez is engaging in training activities which means that the children are directed to independent online activities.

Mrs Emmel and Mrs Griffiths are both delivering the remote learning from home. As a result, the home learning from them looks different and is uploaded daily onto Class Dojo. We have sent out Microsoft Teams login details for the children in Class 2. Please download the app and log in to your account as soon as you can. You may be asked to change your password - remember to make a note of it. Later this week, or early next week, I will arrange a class meeting with Class 2 so that the children can familiarise themselves with Teams. Once we have it up and running, Mrs Emmel and Mrs Griffiths will hopefully be able to use it to hold meetings with the class.

You can access guidance about how to use Teams via the following links:

<https://schoolsict.co.uk/support/office-365/teams/teams-introduction>

https://schoolsict.co.uk/images/files/support/office365/TeamsforEducation_QuickGuide.pdf

We know that the children are going to be away from their normal learning environment for at least seven weeks. We also recognise that this is an enormous added pressure for those parents who are working from home. However, it is really important that the children engage as much as possible with the remote learning. As a minimum, the children must complete the maths and literacy activities that are sent, to ensure that they continue to make progress.

We are here to help you in any way that we can. Please do let us know if there is anything that we can do to support you.

Take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards,

Debbie Calvert
Head Teacher