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Remote (Home) Learning – Children in Years 1 - 6

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, schools are required to have a remote (home) learning plan in place so that any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 does not miss out on their learning. This letter explains our plans for remote learning for children in Years 1 – 6, who may have to self-isolate at any point in the future.

Our Remote Learning Plan

If your child is displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or the loss or change to their sense of smell), you must not send them to school. Everyone must follow the stay at home guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Should your child have to self-isolate, please let us know immediately and the school will provide learning for them to do at home.

The remote learning resources will be similar to the homework activities that each class has received this term. Instructions will be sent via the class email and duplicated on the class blog, and use the same platforms (Purple Mash, myON, White Rose, Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize). There will however be higher expectations of how much your child will do each day. This will be appropriate to the age of the child and any additional needs, but some general principles are outlined below:

- Remote learning will be provided which should last for the duration of a normal school day.
- Links to teaching videos will be provided via the class email and the class blog for a variety of subjects.
- The children will need to submit their work daily so that the class teacher can check your child's learning and provide feedback as necessary.

We will be in regular contact with you so please make sure that your email address and phone number are up-to-date.

What you'll need at home

To access remote learning and to learn effectively at home the children will need a variety of resources:

- A device that can access the internet, such as a laptop, desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. (We understand that this is not always possible. We are currently collating the results of our survey. Thank you for your help.)
- Paper to write on such as a notebook and pencils / pens.
- A quiet space where they can work without interruption.

You will be able to request paper copies of the learning if you have no access to the internet. Please contact your child's class teacher. We are happy to provide paper copies.

What we expect from your child

It is important that your child engages with remote learning and we will share the daily and weekly timetable via the class email and blog. If the children are not engaging with the learning, we will email and then phone to provide additional support.

What you can do to help

We appreciate that if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time.

Younger children in particular may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable.
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life.
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active.

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you are having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher