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## REMOTE EDUCATION

Dear Parent/Carer,

Although we are missing having everyone in school, it has been fantastic to see so many children accessing their daily lessons on Google Classroom and then submitting their learning. Class teachers and I are so very grateful for the support you are providing to the children during this difficult time. With learning already disrupted through the first lockdown, we are committed to ensuring that children do not miss out on further learning through this period of lockdown. By working together, we can ensure the children continue to learn but also support their emotional wellbeing by remaining connected to their teachers and peers.

### Critical workers and vulnerable children

In order to keep the wider community, staff and children in school safe, we are maintaining low numbers of critical worker and vulnerable children. It is important that whilst prioritising the children's education, school must play their part in reducing the rate of transmission and pressure on the NHS at this time. The updated guidance makes it clear that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can. We have therefore asked our critical worker families to ensure that they have investigated all possible alternatives to their children having to attend school.

### Remote Education

Whether the children are learning remotely from home, or accessing in-school provision as critical worker families or vulnerable children, the learning is identical.

- All of our work is accessed through Google Classroom. This can be accessed through a wide range of devices: phone, tablet, iPad, laptop, chrome book, Xbox, PlayStation, Switch, smart TV
- It is important that the children follow the sequence of learning for each subject as teachers will have planned this carefully i.e. the children shouldn't complete Wednesday's maths lesson before completing Monday and Tuesday.
- It is also important that your child watches any accompanying videos before completing the worksheets. This will help them to understand the work that follows. The videos provide all the explanations and can be paused and restarted to aid clarity and understanding. You do not have to print off the PowerPoints. We are able to provide exercise books and basic stationery if needed.
- Work is set at 8am. We have set a deadline time of 3pm for work to be submitted daily to allow teachers reasonable time after this to provide feedback to your child. If it is not possible to submit work by this time, you are welcome to submit it later but please be aware that this may not be looked at until at least the following day.
- We will be introducing daily opportunities for your child to link with their teacher, other children in the class and, where possible, with the rest of the class in school through Google Meet.



## **Remote Education Support**

Parents and carers should note that our [Remote Education Policy](#) is available on the school website and a hard copy can be requested from the school office.

Our [Remote Education Agreement](#) has been updated to reflect the use of live webcams to support our ability to teaching pupils at home and is also available on the school website.

Our [Online safety at home during Covid-19 for parents and students](#) is available on the school website to ensure that everyone accesses the internet safely during this time.

These documents can be found in the home learning area of the school website.

## **Remember**

We are here to help, so please keep reaching out to us if you require any support during this time. The admin team have become skilled in coaching parents and carers through any access difficulties. They will also share messages with class teachers as relevant. Miss Hobbs, our Home School Link Worker, can help parents and carers with any additional support that might be required during these challenging times.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Charter  
Headteacher