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## REMOTE EDUCATION

Dear parent/carer,

As you may be aware, schools are required to have a remote education 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 education for children who have to self-isolate, or where local or national restrictions mean that children need to stay at home.

### Our remote education plan

Our remote education plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school.

We will continue to use Google Classroom. We will use this online platform to deliver learning across the curriculum. Depending on your child's circumstances, learning Assignments and Materials will be uploaded to Google Classroom either weekly or daily.

We will:

- use Google Classroom to deliver learning in line with our school curriculum. If your child is isolating when his/her class is still in school, the learning will be related to what is happening in the class. If whole classes / year groups are isolating, or the school is closed, learning will continue in sequence following the curriculum.
- provide different learning resources, including recorded lessons and interactive activities. We will avoid activities which require printing – most activities can be done straight onto paper or on screen.
- make sure there is a member of staff who will be monitoring comments on Google Classroom during the day between 9am and 3:30pm.
- ensure pupils receive feedback for all learning activities uploaded as Assignments on Google Classroom.
- provide an interactive timetable to help with routine when larger groups of pupils are isolating.
- keep in contact. This will be done through Google Meet, following the school's protocols and by phone.

### What you'll need at home

Your child will need a device which can access Google Classroom, such as a laptop, desktop computer, tablet or smartphone. If you do not have access to a device, please contact us as we may be able to help.

We very much want all children to be using Google Classroom as this platform enables us to teach pupils effectively and in a variety of ways, including through direct interaction using Google Meet. Where it is possible, we will also provide exercise books and basic stationery. It is also recommended that your child has a space where they can work.

### What we expect from your child

It's important that your child engages with home learning and we understand the difficulties this sometimes present for parents. If they aren't engaging with the learning, we'll use the following strategies to provide additional support:

- phone calls home
- increased feedback
- personalised work
- different workload expectation



## 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. It is also crucial that while children are spending more time online, we work together to ensure that children are safe when doing so.

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.

At the same time, we don't expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But, it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they've learned.

## Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to a routine.
- 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're having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions. You can contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Braybrook.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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