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## Remote Learning Update 7.1.2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With your support since Tuesday we have been able to swiftly put in place a package of Remote Learning for all pupils who are not eligible to attend school.

As we navigate this new way of working we will inevitably need to make some adjustments and we appreciate your feedback to help us do so. Well done to everyone at home for accessing the provision this week, we very much appreciate the efforts that you have all gone to to participate.

The staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that the children working remotely have access to regular live teaching, independent tasks and feedback whilst maintaining the teaching for pupils within school and supporting them too. This is a complex and logistically challenging task and they are doing a wonderful job.

### Google Classroom Attendance

The expectation set out by the DFE is that pupils will access Remote Learning every day as they would have attend school everyday. Google Classroom is our platform for this and every child has a log on. If your child is not going to be online and they are not attending school as an eligible pupil you must notify the school office.

**Reception class** will move their online learning to Google Classroom from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, your log ins have been sent and the staff will share with you how to join the Meets at 9am and 1pm.

### Devices

As a school, we have not received an allocation of DFE devices yet, we are working on trying to get this in place. We have worked with requests for devices and have used some of our school iPads to loan to people without devices, should you require support we will do what we can to help you.

### Connectivity

We are aware that we have encountered some minor issues with our internet, please be patient with any lag, freeze or slight loss of connection. Despite the school having had new Wi-Fi fitted during the build, the demands we are placing on it with the live-streamed lessons mean that we will encounter this and we are looking at ways to mitigate it.

If you have issues with internet, we do have a limited supply of sim cards kindly donated by Vodafone with a data allocation on them, please get in touch if you would like support with internet access.

### Timetabling

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We set out the timetables for live teaching based on the staff we have available at present, it is likely that Y3 and Y4 will have changes to their live lesson timings in the next few weeks. We have also set out the maximum length for these sessions however, depending on the lesson content the length of the sessions will vary and the class may be asked to continue their tasks independently once the teacher has delivered their input.

Feedback will be provided during the live sessions and teachers are happy for work to either be uploaded onto the classroom or sent in via email for them to see, if you choose to email, please combine the work for a whole day and send in one email.

## **Pupil Conduct**

Please may I remind you that the Live Meets are for the children to receive their teaching and instruction from the teacher, they are not a forum for pupils to socially interact. We know that the children enjoy seeing each other and sharing a wave and smile, however we must support the children to focus on the learning in hand and not show off their toys or the family pet! Teachers will, over the coming weeks, build in some social opportunities as best they can.

It is important that the children access the Google Meets in a family space rather than a bedroom and that they are ready to learn with all that they need. Teachers may ask that you equip your child with simple resources like counters (buttons or pasta pieces) for Maths lessons. Details of what is required will be put in the stream. If you are struggling with resources, please get in touch.

## **Parent Contact**

If as parents you need to talk to the teacher, the Live Meets are not the forum for this. If you need to talk to the teacher please either stay on the meet at the end if the teacher invites you to or request an email or call. Teachers will not be able to respond to parent comments while they are teaching.

I appreciate that that the switch to Remote Learning poses many challenges for us all, it is important that we work together and learn as we go in order to make the most of the situation we face.

Our capacity for eligible places is now very limited given the staffing we have available. If you can keep you child at home then please do so and only take up a critical place if this is a last resort. For those with a place we also ask that you only use the place for the days that you require as by limiting the number of contacts in school we will help to keep everyone as safe as we can.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at school for further information or support with home learning.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs J Roden

Headteacher

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