



'Partnership in Learning'

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Dear Parents,

### **Remote Learning Update**

Thank you for your patience while the staff make the necessary arrangements for our move to remote learning from tomorrow. Those of you with children in 4D will be very familiar with the process. For everyone else's information, this is what the next few weeks will look like...

### **Google Classroom**

There will be work provided Monday to Friday, during term time, from now until the end of Lockdown 3.0.

This will take the form of:

- Recorded English and Maths lessons each morning
- A recorded lesson linked to another subject each day
- Daily 'live' workshops where members of staff will be on hand to answer any questions arising from the children's learning
- Supplementary opportunities. These will take the form of: assemblies; PE challenges; quizzes; Reading sessions etc etc

The benefit of recorded sessions is that children can access them on any internet-enabled platform (e.g. phone; tablet; laptop); at any time of the day as is convenient to them and as many times as they need to. 'Live' sessions will be scheduled, as much as is possible, to avoid clashes with other classes.

This approach has been specifically designed to enable siblings to share machines. Please bear with the staff on this as they learn each other's remote timetables.

### **Access to Technology**

As outlined above, we have designed the upcoming process to be as compatible as possible with as many devices as possible. In addition, we have attempted to build in the opportunity for siblings to share technology.

In addition to this, any families who have made staff aware previously that they have reduced access to technology have been contacted today by the team to discuss alternative options.

Should this apply to you, and you haven't been contacted yet, please email you child's year team on the address below and someone will be in contact with you as soon as possible. Sadly, we can not provide 260 children with a laptop each but there are options that the staff can explore with you.

### **Communication**

Please remember that the school will still be open to the children of critical workers throughout the lockdown period. As such, the usual method of communication (school telephone/email address) are still available for general enquiries.

I will also start up the weekly lockdown bulletins again from this Friday (8<sup>th</sup> January) as a way of keeping you up to date with developments so please continue to monitor your emails.

Should you wish to contact your child's teachers regarding learning queries, a reminder that they are available on:

[yearthreeljs@gmail.com](mailto:yearthreeljs@gmail.com)

[yearfourljs@gmail.com](mailto:yearfourljs@gmail.com)

[yearfiveljs@gmail.com](mailto:yearfiveljs@gmail.com)

[yearsixljs@gmail.com](mailto:yearsixljs@gmail.com)

If you have any problems; concerns or would like to celebrate your children's work; please get in touch with the year team using the above email address and a member of staff will be in contact with you as soon as possible (please remember that this will be within standard working hours).

### **Completing Work**

The videoed lessons have been made in such a way as to contain full; easy to follow instructions for the children's related learning activity (i.e. that will do exactly what they need to 'do').

The children are free to complete this activity on any suitable materials they have at home. These can then be kept and brought in to school at the end of the lockdown period and/or photographed/uploaded (as appropriate) and emailed in to the address above as/when they are completed.

Should you require an exercise book for your child to work in during the lockdown period, please let you child's teacher know and this can be made available for collection via the school office.

Once again, any problems please do not hesitate to let the year teams know.

### **Google Classroom Passwords**

If your child has forgotten their password for Google classroom, simply email the relevant address above. As long as it hasn't been changed from the standard password issued to them initially, the staff can re-issue it to them.

### **Actions for Families**

- 1) Let the year groups know if you have any of the challenges mentioned above and/or to arrange collection of a workbook
- 2) Ensure that you know how to access your children's Google Classroom account

We are all incredibly sad that, once again, we will not be working with a significant number of the children for an extended period now. No matter how many times it happens, the sadness this causes the team doesn't decrease.

Our whole community, however, is more prepared for the process this time and we will, as always, succeed together.

With very best wishes to you and your loved ones.

We're here if you need us,

Dan Twyman  
Headteacher