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Update on Remote Learning offer for next week

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the first few days of the Spring Term now underway, we are pleased to report that our critical worker and vulnerable children groups are set up and running successfully in school. We have had to consider many new routines and procedures, which accompany a full lockdown- taking into account safeguarding measures, new routines, playground and lunchtime set ups and new staffing timetables and training. It has certainly been a busy week and we really appreciate your patience.

Google Classroom has proved successful for most pupils and we are reaching out to any parents, who are having difficulties accessing this to offer support on a 1:1 basis. We have now spoken to parents of children, who are vulnerable, or entitled to Free School Meals, to offer Google Chrome books and given the majority of our remaining Chrome Books to all the children in school and staff delivering live interventions. We will approach parents of children, who are finding full access online difficult, for the few we have remaining.

I want to update you on our remote learning offer for next week and outline what to expect. Please see the attached Remote Learning Policy. There will be no bulletin with further information this week.

What is happening next week?

Following on from the live, trial on the Google Meets session yesterday and the positive feedback from parents and children, we will be continuing these at set times in the week to create collaborative experiences. A link will be posted in the Google Classroom on the set days.

Mondays 9.10am- Welcome meet and greet assembly, with weekly explanations of tasks

Wednesday 9.10am- Year group assemblies

Friday 11.30am- live/Loom (TBA) celebration assembly with Mrs Day

Daily register

This will take place daily between 9-9.30am in Google Classroom. A phone call will be made to parents of children who have not registered.

“Jackanory” daily class reading slots – a member of staff will be reading from their favourite book.

Fortnightly check-in phone calls home

A member of the year group team will contact parents of children, if they are home learning for **3 days or more**. This is to see if parents and children are coping with the work set and to ask if there is any way we can help. This will take place by the 15th January and thereafter, will be fortnightly for the majority of children



and weekly, or daily for SEND, or vulnerable children, who are at home. EHCP children, who are not in school, will have live Google Meets throughout their lessons offered to them.

Expectations during live sessions

We understand how hard it is to create a school environment at home. So, we have provided some guidance and expectations for these live sessions.

Children should:

- Be fully dressed
- At a suitable workstation (e.g. not in their bed)
- In a room, where an adult can be contacted if needed
- Not be interrupted by another sibling, parent, or pet
- Avoid being in noisy areas with high levels of background noise
- Enter the Google Meets session on mute and put their hand up to ask a question
- Speak respectfully when asked by the teacher

When are teachers available online?

From Monday to Friday 9am-4pm, except from 12pm on Thursday, as this is PPA.

Other exceptions are:

- Teachers will have a morning break and lunchtime from 12.10-1.10pm and not be available during this time.
- Some teachers may need to take critical worker groups, whilst TAs deliver intervention and they may also be on training, or virtual meetings. Please be patient and do not expect an immediate response as there are many other expectations of teachers, as they need to prepare all their LOOM lessons for the following week. This takes quite a long time to do and prepare resources for.

Turning in work and marking

Children will need to turn in work daily but some work will be marked weekly. One piece of maths, English and foundation work will be marked weekly, on top of comments in streams and to individuals. Teachers will explain what is required in the classroom. During assessment week, there will be an expectation for children to work independently- please see remote learning policy.

Intervention and support

There is lots of support for children with additional needs and a lot of time has been spent planning this. You will be contacted by email if your child has been put into a support classroom, **or live intervention group.**

Live drop-ins- in place of support groups- some year groups have made live lesson drop-ins for children, who wish to ask questions. These are on trial and may be rolled out further.

Music live lessons

Music lessons are **all live.** Resources have been uploaded already. Please ask your child not to do the music until their lesson with Mrs Mihaylova.

French Lessons

These will be weekly and initially pre-recorded by Miss Smith – our French teacher and have been timetabled into the daily timetable. Some live lessons will take place over the forthcoming weeks.



Expectations of parents

We value your support during this home learning and know how difficult it must be for you to manage daily expectation and juggle your children's education. Please remember we are here to help. Please avoid commenting in the Classroom Stream, as this is for children. Parents may email their class teacher if they need support. Please remain courteous at all times when communicating with staff at school. Teachers are under a great deal of stress at the moment and trying their best to provide the best online provision they can, whilst adjusting to all the new technology demands and expectation in a new online curriculum. We know that not all of you are teachers or educators, so please do just reach out to us respectfully and we will do our best no matter what the problem may be.

Critical Worker children in school

The children have behaved impeccably this week and coped with online learning in classrooms incredibly well. Sport recommences next week with Mrs Wilson, therefore children can come to school in their PE kits on their new days as follows:

| | TUES | WEDS | THUR |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| RED | OUTSIDE 9:00 – 10:00 | INSIDE 13:20 – 14:15 | |
| YELLOW | OUTSIDE 10:45 – 11:45 | INSIDE 9:00 – 10:00 | |
| GREEN | OUTSIDE 13:20 – 14:15 | INSIDE 10:45 – 11:45 | |
| BLUE | OUTSIDE 14:15 – 15:10 | | INSIDE 14:15 – 15:10 |
| PURPLE | | OUTSIDE 14:15 – 15:10 | INSIDE 13:20 – 14:15 |

Finally, can I just personally thank you for all your kind comments and positive feedback. It does make a difference to each challenging day when we receive these. We are having to adjust to educational changes at such a rapid rate and we are grateful for tips, ideas and constructive feedback. Please do email me if I can help in any way.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Day
Acting Headteacher

