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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, due to the national lockdown schools are required to have a remote learning plan in place so that any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 does not miss out on their learning.

Our remote learning plan

Our remote learning 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 be using Microsoft Teams.

- For Y1- Y6 Live maths lesson will start at 9:00am with their class teacher and English live lesson with their class teacher will start at 10:45 each day. The other times during the school day, teachers will set work via Teams and will explain their expectations to the children during the morning, so that they will be clear what they need to do for the assignments.
- Children in EYFS have a different curriculum and as you appreciate will have difficulty working without the teacher being physically present. Therefore teachers are recording teaching clips of themselves teaching shorter inputs as well as explaining learning activities for parents to show children at convenient times.
- Teachers will be setting assignments and giving feedback via Teams.

What you will need at home

- An ipad/tablet or laptop (children have been taught how to access Microsoft Teams using an ipad) -Ipads can be loaned from school
- Headphones – headphones can also be loaned from school
- A learning pack containing books, stationery which is provided by school
- Ideally a quiet space where they can work without interruption, the headsets should also help with this. Don't worry if this is difficult, as you may have more than one child and be balancing this with working from home, just do the best you can

If your child does not have any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can help support you.

What we expect from your child

- It's important that your child engages with home learning as it is not optional
- Live lessons start at 9am so they need to be logged on ready for 9am
- Children need to listen carefully and follow the instructions and rules that the class teacher will share with them.
- Children need to adhere to online safety rules. Photographing, screenshotting or recording of live lessons is strictly forbidden as is sharing of images or lesson content on social media.
- We expect technical issues – they should not worry if it goes wrong!

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.
- 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 support your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in live lessons in place of our teachers
- Please support school by ensuring that photographing, screenshotting or recording of live lessons is strictly forbidden as is sharing of images or lesson content on social media

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable
- 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
- Try to encourage your child to work as independently as possible – we will also encourage this

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. Please also understand that there may be teething problems at the beginning but we will try to work together to ensure children receive a quality education despite not being in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Smith

Head Teacher

Best wishes,

Miss Smith

Head Teacher



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