



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Remote Learning Through Google Classroom**

As you are aware we have been working hard to develop your child/ren's remote learning package whilst they remain at home as a result of the current pandemic. This is a very different way of working for us all and we're all still learning, so please don't worry if things don't go smoothly at first – we expect a few 'hiccups' along the way as we become more familiar with this way of learning!

The learning will now to be uploaded to Google Classroom and usernames and passwords for your child/ren will be sent to you via text message before Monday. If you are having trouble logging into Google Classroom, please contact the school office and someone will get back to you to offer advice and support.

**It is extremely important that ALL parents/carers sign up to this platform and as soon as possible** to ensure children can continue to work from home, without any gaps in their education.

The following link guides you through how to access google classroom:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QCHHuuuRkrXhxt7EjfqmMw\\_JDOI4sdIX5Na3t9j7YE/mobilepresent?slide=id.p1](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QCHHuuuRkrXhxt7EjfqmMw_JDOI4sdIX5Na3t9j7YE/mobilepresent?slide=id.p1)

An exercise book that children can use for their daily writing and any other paper-based activities that they do at home is available for collection from school. Please come to the hall doors situated at the end of the school drive Thank you to those parents who have already collected this. Should you require any other equipment please let us know.

We would very much like parents/carers to communicate with teachers and send photographs of completed work. The following link provides support and guidance for doing this:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=aNC4HsFOhLU&feature=youtu.be>

Staff will then be able to view this work and provide feedback on your child/ren's work and progress. Again, if you are struggling to send photos/images to us, please contact school.

You or your child can also message your teachers. With regards to messaging we would like to clarify how this can be used:





**DO**

- Do message if you want to share something positive from home
- Do message if you have a small query or would like to find out something simple
- Do message if your child has any minor worries, for example: *'Jack didn't quite understand fractions today, could you please point me in the direction of where I can get some further practise work for him'*

**DON'T**

- Please don't use Google Classroom to raise an issue, please contact the school office in the usual way
- Please do not use Google Classroom to message about any urgent or serious issues; please use the school office and normal school procedures for this

**REMEMBER**

Teachers will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible. However, please bear in mind that school life can be incredibly busy and whilst every effort will be made to reply or acknowledge messages, there may be a slight delay on occasion. Additionally, please do not expect a reply to any messages sent after 4pm or on a weekend as teachers may not be able to reply.

We know this is a challenging time for all, and that everyone's home circumstances are different. Here are some tips for creating a positive environment for your child to learn:

- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, to separate school life and home life.
- At the end of the day, have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over.
- Create and stick to a routine.
- Provide the correct equipment in order for your child to complete the work given.
- Designate a working space if possible.
- Make time for exercise and breaks throughout the day to keep your child active.
- Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online.
- Be aware of what your child is being asked to do, including: sites they will be asked to use and the school staff your child will interact with.
- Emphasise the importance of a safe online environment. Set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.
- Encourage your child to work to the best of their ability and praise their efforts.

We welcome all feedback about remote learning as this helps us to shape what is best for our children and families, and we know it will evolve as we all become more confident in using it.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs. A. Johnson  
Headteacher

