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Dear Parents/Carers

## Remote Online Learning Update

It has been an interesting week, with many successes and a few oops moments. Thank you all for your support of our remote online learning; this has made everything an awful lot more manageable and enjoyable for all. It really has been great to see so many pupils on the live lessons.

Under this school closure, the school has a statutory duty to ensure the children have access to a high quality educational provision for pupils who are learning at home and in school with remote online learning that is progressive. The mix of in school and home access to the remote online provision is deemed to be a blended online learning provision.

As a result, our aim is that our remote online learning will keep our pupils' education and learning moving forwards, and unlike during the previous lockdown, will be planned for and adapted on a daily basis by their teacher in a way that mirrors the teacher's practice when the children are in school.

One of the key aims of our planned provision is to ensure that the well-being of its **pupils** is kept at the forefront of this remote online learning provision. As a result, pupils are expected to join the live lessons, where and whenever it is possible. This way, they can see their classmates, their teacher and can get live support with their learning and feel a part of something bigger.

### In summary:

- Teachers will continue to provide a weekly timetable, each Monday and then provide a daily timetable, which provides a schedule for those who find it helpful
- All morning lessons and teacher messages will be posted on the classroom stream between 8.15 am and 8.30 am daily.
- Pupils at home will continue to register on Google Classroom by 9.00 am daily to say hello; they can then complete a small daily challenge/activity set in the teacher's morning message to them, while waiting for the live lesson to begin.
- 9.15 am (at the earliest) first live lesson.
- 10.45 am/11.00 am second live lesson
- The timings of the live lessons will be communicated to the year groups by the class teachers in their timetables and morning messages – flexibility is required here due to the different ages and stages in the school.
- All afternoon lessons will be posted on the classroom stream between 1:00 - 1:15 pm
- Work can be submitted/turned in up to 6.00 pm daily.

As well as ensuring that the remote online provision, as delivered, supports the pupils and their families at home, we have to be mindful of the pupils in school and the demands that this new blended approach to teaching is having on our **teachers** and their workload.

- Teachers will be online on Google classroom from 9.00 am to 3.20 am daily to respond to questions, and provide support
- Teachers will deliver 2 live lessons a day
- At EYFS, these will be Phonics and mathematics based lessons
- At Key Stage 1, these will be English and Mathematics based lessons
- At Key Stage 2, these will be English and Mathematics based lessons from Monday to Thursday and Religious Education and Mathematics on a Friday morning
- All year groups will have a live music lesson on a Wednesday – timing for these will be communicated by the class teacher on the weekly and daily timetables.
- Key stage 2 classes will have a live French lesson once a week – this will be on their weekly timetable and daily timetables.
- Our Junior Jam provision will be suspended until the school returns to full opening for all
- Teachers will make it clear what work they want to be turned in to mark.
- Teachers will only request for the work from the live lessons to be uploaded when this is judged to be effective to the ongoing development of the pupils. The teacher will decide this.
- At other times, pupils will be expected just to use the mark as done button at the end of the live lesson as they have attended the lesson
- When each afternoon lesson is completed, the pupils should click the mark as done, even if they have not been asked to turn work in.
- In order to use marking time efficiently, work completed and turned in on one day will not be marked for 24 hours, until the following afternoon. Any work completed on a Friday will be marked the following Monday.
- No additional home learning will be set – expectation on reading continues as normal.
- Any work turned in late, will not be marked, unless the teacher has been informed of the reason why it has not been turned in by 6 pm on the day of being set.

The school is aware and understands the pressures that **parents** working from home are under with juggling their own commitments and now having to ensure their child/ren is/are fully accessing the educational provision as required under the latest guidance. We appreciate that there will be times when parents cannot support their child/ren at the times set out by the school in the daily timetables due to other commitments. With this in mind, we request that:

- When a child cannot join a live lesson that a message is sent to the class teacher as a private message on Google classroom or as a message in the morning hello on the classroom stream to make them aware, or
- When a child cannot access the afternoon provision due to other constraints, once again, that a message is sent to the classroom teacher that they have a problem and this is sent either as an email or a private message on Google Classroom. The teacher will then be aware and will look out for the work to be completed at a later time either that day or that week, depending on the communication.
- The work for the morning lessons will be available on the class stream from 8.15 am for Years Reception to Year 5.
- For Year 6, in preparation for the secondary school model, the work will be posted at 9.15 am.
- Afternoon lessons will be available to access on the stream between 1.00 – 1.15 pm.
- Work can be turned in up to 6 pm on the day that it has been set.
- Please balance the level of support given to your child/ren – our pupils are very capable and the majority just need re-directing with their work.

- Afternoon lessons may be recorded with a voice over to help with the explanation of the concepts being taught – this will be at the discretion of the class teacher and will be based on the topics being covered.
- PE lessons can be replaced with other activities such as a long walk, a cycle ride etc, if this better supports the family. All we ask is that this is communicated to the class teacher so that we can monitor levels of physical education.
- We will aim to set work and lessons that do not require the pupils to print any work.

At this time, the school expects the children to join the morning live lessons whenever possible. With the afternoon lessons (as with the morning lessons when children cannot join live) there is flexibility on the timing around completion of the tasks. *Please just keep communicating with the class teacher where there is a clash/issue/problem.*

Whether attending live lessons in school or at home, pupils are expected to wear their school uniform. This can be either the full school uniform or the new PE Kit, whichever the pupils feel most comfortable in and whichever works for you as a family on a given day.

**Please note that while there is flexibility around the timing for completing activities as outlined above, there is no flexibility around children not engaging at all with the remote online learning; this is now a statutory duty on the school and a requirement on parents.**

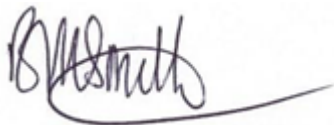
As previously communicated, the school is required to monitor the engagement of all pupils and to ensure that all pupils are continuing to access education either at home or at school.

While these key points will form the basis of our blended online provision, we will be constantly reviewing and adapting our provision to ensure that it continues to support our key aim of ensuring that our pupils learning keeps moving forwards and the impact of this new 'lockdown' on pupil progress is minimised.

Your support of the school is as always much appreciated and it is really wonderful to see so many pupils online and engaging with the provision on offer.

Please stay safe, take care - You all remain in our prayers.

Warmest wishes and God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernadette Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bernadette Smith  
**Headteacher**