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Dear Parents/Carers,

Remote Home Learning

There is an expectation that every school has a robust home learning offer for all children should they have to self-isolate or should a year group bubble or whole school have to be sent home. There is also an expectation that schools keep track of what children are doing at home and how they are managing with this home-learning.

Preparation by school

Full details of our Remote Home Learning offer have been issued to parents and carers previously. Infant pupils' remote learning is available on their Class Site and completed tasks should be submitted by uploading photographs to *Tapestry*. Junior pupils' remote learning is available on Google Classroom and should be submitted by uploading completed tasks/photographs to Google Classroom. Our offer is based on what we believe will be the most beneficial activities for your child to help them to 'keep up' whilst also following our school curriculum as closely as possible. There is a strong focus on reading, writing and basic number work as well as suggestions for other curriculum areas.

Today, your child has brought home a Home Learning exercise book to record their work in, should they need to self-isolate or because of a partial or full closure of the school. This exercise book must be kept at home until required and returned as evidence of their progress when they return to school. The exercise book should be used for completing any paper-based / written activities that they do at home. Should you require pens / pencils or any other equipment, please let us know.

You child's Home Learning Exercise Book includes details of login details and passwords for our online learning platforms and resources (you will find these inside the front cover) – please keep this information in a secure location.

If you need anything else please do not hesitate to contact school.

Preparation at home

Parents should endeavour to support pupils' remote learning by creating a positive environment for their child to learn, for example:



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- 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.
- Being aware of what your child is being asked to do, including the 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.

Online Access

It is expected that children will access remote learning through *online* provision. If parents/carers do not have access to an electronic device, we expect them to inform school and we will endeavour to provide a suitable device for the duration of their child's absence.

If pupils do not have access to the internet (including mobile phone data), the school will provide paper-based activities. We would remind parents/carers that they can continue to liaise with school staff in relation to their child's learning.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation in making sure our children continue to learn and grow under the circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

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