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Dear Parents,

Remote Learning Update

Many of you may be aware that schools are required to provide remote learning for any child having to isolate as a result of COVID-19. Remote learning only applies if an individual child, class bubble or extended class bubble needs to isolate due to close contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19. If this occurs, then the following remote learning will be provided.

Remote learning will be organised through Google Classroom. The children will be practising how to log into Google Classroom, where to find their tasks and how to upload their work, in school. They will have an individual username and password and we will provide you with a copy of this. Alongside this will be a 'Parent's Guide to Google Classroom' which will give you a user friendly approach to using the platform. Within Google Classroom only the teacher and teaching assistants working in the class can see your child's work, it is not visible to other children. Google Classroom is accessible on desktops, laptops, tablets and phones, as is the ability to print documents and respond to assignments.

There are two different circumstances where remote learning will be provided, these are whole class isolation and individual isolation.

Whole Class Isolation

Each day the class teacher will upload English, Maths and Topic tasks to Google Classroom. These will be supported by video explanations, any additional resources which may be needed and answer sheets where relevant. The children will then complete their tasks, and photograph and upload or direct upload their work to Google Classroom. The child will then receive feedback for each day during the next working day.

In addition, the children will have their White Rose maths workbook to continue to work in, in line with tasks posted in Google Classroom.

During whole class isolation, teachers will be available to answer queries via email or comments in Google Classroom as they will be isolating themselves, provided that they are not unwell themselves. In this circumstance another member of staff will support the class.

Individual Isolation

Each day the class teacher will upload English and Maths tasks to Google Classroom. These will be supported by any additional resources which may be required and answer sheets where relevant.

For topic lessons the children will be given topic areas to research each week, in line with what is being studied in class. They will be provided with a list of websites and resources that might help them with their research and will be asked to share their new knowledge and understanding through creating a poster, fact file or other document as they choose. The children will then complete their tasks, and photograph and upload or direct upload their work to Google Classroom. The child will then receive feedback for each day during the next working day.

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The children in Nursery and Reception will also be provided with activities in their Google classrooms. In the event of a whole class isolation, the children will have a phonics, maths and topic task to complete each day.

If an individual child is isolating, the phonics and maths activities will be uploaded daily, in line with what the rest of the class are covering in school. In addition to this, there will be an activity uploaded every day relating to the different areas of provision available to the children in the unit during their planning time, such as painting or small world play. For children in Reception and Nursery, parents can upload evidence of tasks completed at home directly to Google classroom or, alternatively to Tapestry.

Communication with staff

Parents can communicate with teachers via Google Classroom. Once an assignment has been set and the children click on it to read it, they can send a private message to their teacher. This will be on the right hand side of the screen, under the 'hand in' box. You can use this to ask any questions about the task or send a private message. Alternatively, you can email the class teacher directly. Messages will be responded to between 9am and 5pm.

Whilst a child is having to isolate individually, the class teacher will still be in school teaching the rest of the class. During this time, it will not be possible to respond to messages and queries straight away, but we will do our best to respond to you as soon as we can. We appreciate your support with this.

As always, we do understand that remote learning is very different to learning in school. We are always happy to respond to queries and support where necessary. We appreciate that some days will be easier than others and that family circumstances with parents working will make the process challenging. We will continue to provide tasks in line with our school curriculum but are aware that the reality of completing all tasks everyday may not always be possible.

More information about Google Classroom is in the attached parent's guide, if you have any queries about this process, please contact your child's teacher.

Best regards,

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Remote learning Leader