



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide details of how to access remote learning for your child during the period where school will be closed to children apart from vulnerable children and those of key workers. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this difficult time and encourage you to contact the school if you need any help or support with accessing the materials. The remote learning provided has been designed to support and continue the current curriculum for your child's year group.

### Curriculum learning:



We will be providing daily activities and communication through Google Classroom. To access this, you will need to either download the mobile app or access it via an internet browser.

To access your child's classroom visit [www.classroom.google.com](http://www.classroom.google.com) or open the mobile app. Sign in using your child's login details which were sent to you at the end of last half-term. If you need these details to be resent, please e-mail your child's class teacher.

Once logged in, the children will be able to access the activities and assignments that have been added by the class teacher. The children have practised how to log into Google Classroom, where to find their tasks and how to upload their work, in school.

Alongside this we have produced a 'Parent's Guide to Google Classroom' which will give you a user friendly approach to using the platform, you can find this on the remote learning section of the school website (Pupils – Remote learning). Within Google Classroom only the teacher and teaching assistants working in the class can see your child's work, it is not visible by other children. Google Classroom is accessible on desktops, laptops, tablets and phones, as is the ability to print documents and respond to assignments.

Each day the class teacher will upload English, Maths and Topic tasks to Google Classroom. These may 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.

Teachers will be available to answer queries via email or comments in Google Classroom during school hours. In this circumstance another member of staff will support the class.

### Resources for remote learning

Where possible children will be able to access all they need via Google Classroom. Printing will not always be necessary and where possible work can be completed online on editable documents or on paper and photographed to be uploaded. We can make available hard, paper copies of the White Rose Maths Books containing the maths tasks and a writing book for children to work in should you find this easier, alongside basic stationery (pens, pencil, ruler). If you would like to make use of these resources we can organise a collection point from the school to get these resources. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to collect these resources but do note that these are not essential to completing the remote learning tasks.

### Bubble social catch ups

To enable the children to still interact as a class, we will be holding a whole class Zoom meeting for each Years 1 -6 tomorrow, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. You will find information and log in details for these on your child's class stream in Google Classroom at 9am tomorrow morning. We feel it is important to do this early on in the remote learning process as the children were expecting to see each other in person and may have questions. The Early Years team will be in touch to arrange their sessions later on in the week.

The times for the Zoom sessions are as follows:

*Year 6 – 10am*

*Year 5 – 11am*

*Year 4 – 2pm*

*Year 3 – 2.30pm*

*Year 2 – 10.30am*

*Year 1 – 1.30pm*

We aim to hold a second Zoom session on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and times will be confirmed.

When engaging with the session we ask that parents and children adhere to the following:

- *Each child will need to have a supervising adult present who can also be seen on screen at the start of the session.*
- *Please ensure everyone considers appropriate communication, clothing and background before joining in with the session.*
- *Please do not video, photograph or screenshot the session.*

### **Checking in**

A member of staff will be in touch directly with families either by telephone or by email during the remote learning period to check that you have been able to access everything and to see how you all are. However, you are also welcome to contact school directly if you need any additional support or information by emailing [head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk) or your class teacher's direct email which was provided on the year group welcome letter at the start of term.

I hope that the above information enables you to access your child's learning whilst it is necessary to work remotely. Please feel free to contact the school to discuss anything further or to share any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs A Harvey