



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and managing in these strange times. As I am sure you can imagine, we are really missing the children but it has been incredibly uplifting for us to connect with them through our weekly Zoom sessions and to hear how they are getting on through email and Google Classroom comments.

A HUGE thank you and well done!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to you all for supporting our remote learning arrangements. We have received lots of positive comments and some really useful feedback and we hope that you are all managing to access Google Classroom in whatever way suits your individual needs. As I have mentioned in previous letters, we have a statutory expectation to provide a minimum amount of work but we do completely understand that everyone is working under very difficult circumstances. Please do as much as you are able and, if you are unable to complete all tasks, simply prioritise the ones you feel would be most appropriate for your child.

Of course, we must say a huge well done to the children as well! We have been really impressed with the level of engagement and how well they are adapting to the sudden and unexpected change to their learning. Their resilience is truly remarkable and we hope it won't be too long until we see everyone in person again.

White Rose Maths workbooks

The White Rose Maths scheme is forming the basis of our maths work and, for children in Years 1-6, there is a workbook available. I know that many of you have managed with printing off the individual worksheets or writing the answers on paper and it is lovely to see how well you are all doing. You may find that your child is approaching the end of the current maths topic and we are expecting a delivery of the next set of the workbooks as soon as they are released by the publisher. So as everyone has access to a copy, we will be sending these home over the coming weeks once they arrive and are hoping to have them with you before your child starts the next topic. We will either post these out or, for families who live locally or near to a member of staff, we will hand deliver these and post them through your door. We also have some parent volunteers who are happy to deliver these locally. Unless notified otherwise, we will assume you are happy to have these posted/delivered to the most up to date address we have on record and you may wish to 'quarantine' the books for 72 hours before use. For children who are accessing the Key Worker provision, we will hand these out within school.

It is worth bearing in mind that the questions on the sheets/in the books do get progressively harder throughout a lesson so please don't worry if your child finds some of the questions challenging. There is no requirement for your child to complete every question as, quite often in school lessons, they wouldn't be expected to finish an entire section. We would recommend you setting aside a specific amount of time for the maths 'lesson' (45 minutes – 1 hour as a **maximum**, including the videos) and encourage your child to do as much as they can within that time. If they don't reach the end, please don't worry. When we do return to the classroom, we will be reassessing how the children have got on and, if there are any areas that need consolidating, we will ensure we go over them in class.

Update to Key Worker guidance

The guidance relating to Key Worker provision has recently been updated and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

It includes a reminder that all parents, including Key Worker families, should keep their children at home if they can. We strongly request that you only utilise our provision if it is **essential** and when you have **no other option**, even if you are a Key Worker.

I hope you all continue to stay safe and well and please remember that we are still available to answer any queries you may have. Please take care everyone.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Harvey