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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning from Monday 11th January

I would like to assure you that we recognise that there is no perfect solution to remote teaching and learning. We are keen to work with you to provide the best support possible as your child continues learning at home. Please bear with us as we adapt to this new way of working, which we are certain will provide the best quality of education for your children, while they are at home.

Beginning on Monday, each class teacher will set a structured timetable of lessons for their class, this will typically be an English and Maths lesson each day plus one other subject delivered through Google Classroom. Teachers will also timetable collective worship sessions across the week. In addition to lessons, teachers will set activities and tasks for children to work on independently across the week which will support their learning. There will be a minimum expectation of three hours learning each day which will increase in time for older pupils.

Each class teacher will be sending an email to you later today with a timetable for your child to follow next week along with passwords and links that you will need to set up children's accounts on Google Classroom. The same timetable will be uploaded onto the Remote Learning page on the school website and on the Google Classroom Platform. Parents can view a simple instruction sheets on how to access Google Classroom on the same website page, there are instructions for computer users and also for Xbox and PS4/5 games consoles.

Online lessons on Google Classroom

Teachers will be delivering lessons through Google Classroom which children can access from home, via the Google Classroom login.

Lessons will be a mixture of:

- 'live lessons' where children are expected to join their teacher online at a set time
- video input from the teacher, who will then direct independent work and resources using nationally available materials
- introduction to the lesson from the teacher with follow up sessions later that day
- children working independently with the teacher available online for support

These lessons are more than just a one-way stream but a collaborative video call and so your child will be able to participate fully as though they were at school. To begin with, they may have a single online lesson and gradually broaden this approach.

Children in different year groups within the family

'Live lessons' will also be recorded and uploaded onto Google Classroom so that they can be re-watched, shortly after they have been delivered. This will support those families who have children in more than one class and may need to rotate access to a home device.

Routines and Preparation

- Each Friday afternoon, teachers will post the class timetable onto Google Classroom for the following week.
- Class teachers will then upload daily lessons and resources each morning by 8.30am so children can prepare their day.

- All children will need to have an exercise book for their home learning and to help you with this, we will provide an A4 exercise book for each child who requires one. Parents can collect these from the front entrance of school from tomorrow morning.

Guidelines for working online

There are several key guidelines that we ask you to support and follow, in order to ensure positive online behaviours on the Google Classroom platform. Please be mindful that all lessons will be recorded.

- Children will be expected to behave in a polite and courteous manner with their peers and teachers, while online.
- Children should be dressed for learning and should not be in their pyjamas for lessons.
- We have planned the day so that children to have adequate breaks and also time away from devices so that they have enough opportunity for physical activity.
- During the live lessons, teachers will not be able to answer any queries from parents.
- Teachers will give you an email address for you to contact them during school hours about any issues regarding home learning and will respond as soon as they can.

Keeping in touch

- It is important that we keep in touch with you and your child during this period of school closure.
- We will take an attendance register during a Live session and will continue to do this during Google Classroom sessions to ensure that all children are engaging with their home learning and have fair access to online contact sessions.
- If your child is not online, and we do not hear from you, then we will be in touch to make sure that you are all OK.
- Mrs Nicholson, school SENDCo will keep in touch with children who have an EHCP or special educational needs.

When things go wrong

Please don't worry if you lose a connection during a lesson. Please message or email the teacher and they can pick this up with you later in the day. They will already have provided a set of activities for children to work on independently across the week so they can continue with their learning.

Key Worker Children

Children who are attending school during this period of school closure will follow the same timetable as their friends at home. They will access the lessons from their classroom.

Teachers will be in touch with further information later this afternoon and will invite children to join them online tomorrow for a first catch up session. I hope everyone manages to say hello to each other.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,



Miss M. Tate
Headteacher