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To: All Parents and Carers of Squirrels, Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to Year 6 Shanklea children

Dear Parent/Carer

Remote Learning

Following the government announcement on Monday 4th January regarding closing schools for most pupils, I am writing to explain the systems of remote learning that will be in place at Shanklea Primary School.

From Wednesday 6th January 2021 your child will be set **weekly** work by their teachers to be completed at home. In this way we aim to support you and your child with their learning and although we understand this does not provide the activities or level of feedback that school would, we do feel it is a valuable way of maintaining regular routines and study habits. We understand that for many of you this will be very challenging, especially if you are working from home or have family commitments, but we will support you in any way we can to make this manageable.

The work that is being set is one Maths task and one English task each day with other foundation subjects spread across the week. Work will be provided at the start of the week and will remain live for a full week to allow families to work around other commitments. During previous lockdowns parents and carers have told us that this has helped them to complete the work as suits their situation. Further details are provided below. Your child's teacher will monitor the work set and will provide weekly feedback and communication.

One way in which you can support your child is to encourage them to read regularly. It has been proven that reading regularly is a major factor in children doing well in school. Little and often seems to have the greatest impact; we would suggest ten to fifteen minutes daily. We would also encourage you to keep your child active during this time and will be providing you with daily physical tasks alongside class-based work.

We have listed below some of the websites we have subscribed to in school. Your child should have log in details for these, if required, but if you need new copies again, please contact your class teacher.

<http://school360.co.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>





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<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<http://www.purplemash.com>

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

Remote Learning Structure by Phase

EYFS

Your child's work will be set on Tapestry daily. There will be a mixture of activities set linked to areas of learning. Children in Reception will also have access to Purple Mash and School 360.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

Your child's work will be loaded onto the Google classroom on Monday mornings. There will be a timetable of activities for the week and any links/ resources that your child will need to complete them. The children have all been assigned to a classroom and can access this through the School360 website by clicking on the classroom. The classroom should be checked each day for additional instructions or resources.

Much of the work will be set on Purple Mash, MyMaths or Busy Things, which allows the children to "hand in" work and this is something they have experienced in school. Work set on Google classroom can also be handed in and this will allow the teachers to provide feedback by the end of the week. Much of the work provided will be supported by videos, for example, BBC Bitesize and it is important that the children engage in these so that they can complete the tasks successfully. If work is set on MyMaths, they should again work through the lesson before completing the task and can try the task again if necessary.

The Google classroom also has a chat facility which means that pupils can contact their teacher directly. Alternatively, parents can contact staff via email and they will reply as soon as they are able.





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We hope that you are all safe and well and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school as soon as we are able to do so. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if there is any way we can offer further support with their home learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Brown
Head Teacher

