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Dear Parents and Carers

15th January 2021

Class Zoom Meetings and Remote Learning

Firstly, thank you for your continued support in home learning. We acknowledge that this is not always easy whilst juggling your own daily work/life. Please try to establish a routine that will support you and the children in achieving each day. There are websites that may support with this.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/home-learning-timetables-for-primary-school-children> or
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents>.

We are doing our absolute best to support everyone and to meet the wide ranging and vastly different circumstances you are all facing.

Remote learning

During this period of remote learning you will be aware that teachers are uploading work onto Tapestry for our EYFS children or J2e for years 1 to 6. All the activities set follow the curriculum for that year group. These may also include links to video clips and resources which we often use at school in normal lessons. There may also be links to Oak Academy who are providing high quality resources during the current situation. We are always aiming to improve whatever we offer at school and have been working hard recently on trying to adapt our remote learning provision to further support the children, whilst balancing everyone's needs. We have also made the addition of a weekly uploaded video message from class teachers. From next week, the children will also be able to access a daily recorded teaching session delivered by their class teacher with a focus on something that the teacher has decided to deliver. It is likely to be, but not always, with an English or topic focus. These can be accessed via J2e or Tapestry.

Zoom sessions with the class teacher

We have therefore decided that from next week, each class will be offered a Zoom call with their class teacher and rest of their class. To support this process and to help everyone keep in touch with learning expectations, you will be sent Zoom invitations from your class teacher. Everyone acknowledges the huge challenges of 'teaching' formal lessons on-line to young children. Normal lessons in primary schools are all about group work, individual and small group activities and a constant loop of tiny inputs, continual assessment and feedback. It is not possible to replicate a meaningful, extended teaching session for young children over the Internet. Nevertheless, we are doing our best to give children face-to-face time to help explain, support and discuss their learning.

Neither teachers nor children have experienced teaching or learning in this way before, but if the sessions are successful we *may* expand this provision. These sessions will vary according to the age range of each



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class, and they may include games, discussions, reading and talking about how to approach the learning materials.

The sessions will support the learning for each class but they are not a substitute for it. We still expect that children will access their learning on J2e throughout the rest of the week. We have staggered them so that siblings will have sessions at different times to allow access to your home devices. Times of these session are detailed at the end of this letter.

Our expectation is that all children will attend these sessions (including those attending school). However, if you do not give permission for your child to join these session, please let us know. We may contact those families where children are not in attendance and have not been informed they will not be joining.

Accessing Zoom

1) From home, use a search engine to search for Zoom. Open up Zoom. These instructions may differ slightly if you use a tablet or phone or you already have the app).

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2) Select join a meeting (top right hand side of screen)

JOIN A MEETING

3) A box will ask you to enter a meeting ID (see info below)

Join a Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name

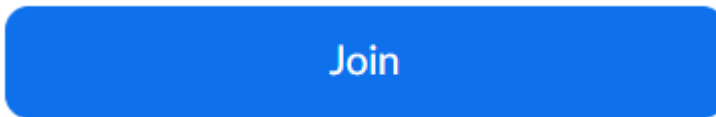
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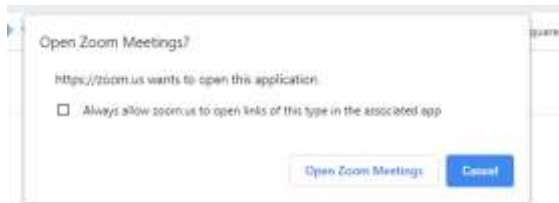
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4) Click on join.



5) The following box will show



6) Open Zoom meeting

7) Enter meeting password



8) Click on join the meeting. The children will be placed into a waiting room, the teacher will admit to the meeting when it starts. **(It is useful to join the meeting a few minutes prior to the start time).**

Please ensure that when children are accessing Zoom the following is adhered to:

❖ The camera is switched on so the teacher can see who is in attendance.

❖ The microphone is muted at the start of the session.

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- ❖ The child's name is displayed in the name panel.
- ❖ It is strictly forbidden to record or distribute any of these sessions.
- ❖ These sessions are not for parent conversations with teachers. (We would ask that adults in the house move away from the screen once the meeting has started).
- ❖ Children must be appropriately dressed for these sessions e.g. no nightwear.
- ❖ Communicate in class groups; one to one sessions are not permitted.
- ❖ Be situated in a suitable public living area within the home, with an appropriate background. (Bedrooms are not an ideal place to hold video communication).
- ❖ Use appropriate language – this includes others in the household.
- ❖ Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school. (For example, not shouting out. Children will be asked to put their hand up if they have something to say).
- ❖ Always remember that anyone on screen is visible.
- ❖ Zoom passwords and ID must not be shared on social media/ messaging services etc. If you need these details please contact the school.
- ❖ Class teachers will stop the meeting if they feel it is necessary/appropriate.

The weekly live sessions will take place at the same time each day for the children.

Please note that due to the age of the children, the length of the meeting will vary but on average will be approx. 30 mins.

Please note these may be subject to change, with notice, to allow for staff commitments i.e. training etc. Any changes will be shared with you via e-schools.

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Year group	day	time	ZOOM ID	ZOOM password
EYFS	Wednesday	These will be sent to you via e-schools by Mrs Moody and Miss Beard.		
1	Thursday	9.30am	923 4093 8557	9zjvnE
2	Tuesday	1.30pm	985 8005 9357	sj3QLq
3	Wednesday	9:30am	875 780 6071	ftJs9S
4	Friday	9.30am	924 6503 9522	c1yMTf
5	Tuesday	9.30am	924 0412 6977	cn1rA7
Badgers	Monday	1.30pm	972 1556 8739	hh4DQK
Foxes	Monday	9.30am	940 0960 5853	fLx8UC

We hope that this addition to our remote learning offer is welcomed and supports your children in feeling part of our school community.

Yours sincerely

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