



5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Remote teaching and learning at Loxwood School during National Lockdown – EYFS and KS1

I hope that this letter will provide you with clarity around expectations for Home Learning during this lockdown period. Due to the immediacy of this lockdown the first few days of provision will look slightly different to that provided going forward. This is to allow us to take all of the necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote teaching.

What should my child expect from remote education for the rest of this week?

Year 1 and 2 children can access home learning activities from the grid posted on the class website page. There are daily Maths and English activities to complete as well as daily spellings and reading. There are also Foundation subject activities which can be used this week too. How you set up your daily timetable this week and which subject you do when is up to you. Once tasks are complete a picture/scanned document or short video clip can be sent to their own class email.

Year1@loxwoodschool.com or Year2@loxwoodschool.com. All work will be acknowledged in some way and where appropriate feedback and marking will be provided.

Acorn children can access home learning activities from a grid on their class website page. Please then upload observations, pictures and videos of your child's learning and activities using Tapestry.

What should my child expect from remote learning from 11th January onwards?

All Infant children will be able to access home learning using Tapestry. Year 1 & 2 parents, please look out for an email in the next few days to enable you to complete setting up your Tapestry account. Without a Tapestry account you will not be able access the children's set tasks and home learning as it will no longer be posted on the class webpage. Once tasks or learning has been completed by the child please use Tapestry to post a picture, video or observation of their work.

The Class teacher will post a daily video by 9a.m that morning which should be viewed by the children to set them off for the day. This video will include any teaching tips for any of the day's tasks and will be a nice routine start to the morning. Once Tapestry is up and running we will look at developing a way to all meet together in a live form, perhaps using TEAMS. Watch this space!

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What do we expect from your child?

There is an expectation that ALL children take part in Home Learning, it is not optional. The tasks are a mixture of practical, creative, active, focused and fun. In some tasks there is flexibility to make them your own and at points in the week we encourage some free-range style learning to enable the children some choice and creativity in how they show their learning and skills developed so far.

The Government legislation stipulates an average of 3 hours a day learning for Primary aged children. On this basis we expect Years 1 and 2 to be engaged in school led learning for up to 3 hours and Acorns to take a play based and child initiated approach to their learning. It is vitally important in these uncertain times that the children are allowed some time for relaxation, outdoor exercise and other activities to support their wellbeing as appropriate, so we encourage you to develop a daily timetable that suits them, and you!

Communication and Feedback

You and your child can communicate whenever you need to with the Teacher or Teaching Assistant in your class via Tapestry or class email address. You are welcome to phone the school office too and someone will get back to you shortly.

English and Maths work will receive feedback daily from the Teaching staff once it has been received on Tapestry.

All other subjects will be read, monitored and acknowledged. We may be able to increase the amount of feedback on these subjects in future but be aware that ALL teachers are covering both online learning and the teaching of Key Worker children at the same time.

In order to provide planning and upload time there will be no morning video or online feedback on Friday mornings. This gives all teachers time to focus on providing high quality home learning for the following week.

We appreciate that you or your children may need to upload work towards the end of the day. Teachers will provide feedback until 4:30 each day and it may be that some work is not marked until the following morning.

Timetable

Home Learning Activities will be uploaded weekly but the daily videos will support you in what tasks you should attempt that day. From the selection of activities on offer that particular day, you and your child may choose the order in which they are done.



Finally, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support. This is a situation that we had all hoped to avoid and we fully understand the anxiety for you and your children. If you have any difficulties accessing the work please do not hesitate to contact us for help and we will do all we can to support your child's learning over the next few weeks.

Kind regards

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