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Expectations for On-line Learning

Dear Parents / Carers,

I write to outline the schools expectations of pupils' remote learning during this lock-down period. It is significantly different to the first lock down as the school has a set of statutory requirements that we have to implement to ensure children continue to have the opportunities to learn and progress. When teaching children remotely, we are expected to:

- set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects
- set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum:
 - primary: 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort
- provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos
- have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern
- gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback, at least weekly, using digitally facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate
- enable teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding

If your child is in KS1 or KS2 they will receive a daily timetable of learning similar to their day as if they were in school through their online Google Classroom. You can expect daily literacy, guided reading and maths assignments, accompanied by teacher Power Points / videos giving instructions. There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher or TA to ask for assistance and guidance in a Google Class Meet in the morning. There will also be a class meeting towards the end of the afternoon for the teacher to ask for feedback regarding the day's learning and to share a story. For children in EYFS the primary platform for online learning will continue to be Tapestry; however, Google Classroom will be used for live links.



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It is statutory requirement that all children engage with remote learning. If you have difficulties with accessing materials due to lack of devices you need to contact the school office and we can arrange an equipment loan. Children who have difficulty in engaging with remote education are defined as “vulnerable” under the new government guidelines and parents or the school can request that they attend school full-time.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions regarding these expectations, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Clayden

Head of School

