



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know our plan for Home Learning (additional to homework activities), in the event your child can't attend school due to COVID-related issues. We have worked hard as a team over the last few weeks to make this as streamlined and as accessible for all learners as possible. We have also had to make this manageable for teaching staff, who are likely to still be in school teaching all day in most cases.

All Home Learning will be accessed via Seesaw for Years 1 to 6, using the same Home Learning Code that you use for homework. Home Learning for Reception will be via Tapestry using your current log in details. We have two approaches to Home Learning depending on your child's situation:

A child is not in school due to them, or a household member, having COVID-symptoms. A child is shielding for medical reasons. A child is having to quarantine after travel abroad. Or part of a Bubble is sent home on advice from the Department for Education.

- Children will be set daily video lessons from their year group and objectives from the Oak Academy website (usually three lessons). Oak Academy has been funded by the Government and these resources have been produced specifically for this eventuality to support home learning.
- Younger children are likely to need support with these lessons from an adult.
- Children are asked to complete any work either on paper or on Seesaw and upload it tagging the "Home Learning" folder, or via Tapestry for Reception pupils.
- Feedback will be in line with our Feedback policy and will be from the class teacher (around their class teaching responsibilities) and Mrs Oades

A whole class or year group Bubble is sent home.

- The year group staff teams will post three activities a day in line with our curriculum timetable, using materials and video lessons recommended by West Jesmond subject leads.
- Younger children are likely to need support with these lessons from an adult.
- Feedback will be in line with our Feedback policy and will be from the class teacher, if they are well enough to do so.

Please note that should you keep your child off school for no specified medical reason, the Government guidance is very clear that children should be in school so this cannot be approved and you will have to provide education for your child. Weekly homework activities will still be provided.

Yours sincerely,

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