

## **An Overview of Remote Learning @ Mortimer Primary School**

With over 300+ pupils being educated at home, we have stepped up to the challenge to ensure that pupils keep on learning. Here we give a little space to help parents understand how we are tackling remote learning for our pupils.

Our learning platform is Google Classroom and this provides access to Microsoft like products such as Google Docs (Word), Google Sheets (Excel) and Google Slides (Powerpoint).

### **STAFF**

We have dedicated teachers for our remote learners. These are teachers from the children's year group, who are working to replicate classroom learning in the pupil's living room, just as if they were in school.

### **TIME**

The government has asked for 4 hours of work to be available to KS2 pupils and 3 hours for KS1 pupils. Parents need to recognise that school can't be replicated at home. Therefore, we are not asking for work to be completed in the same time frame as a normal school day. Make the day work for you and your family and know that tasks can be spread across the week.

Set work will include tasks, use of directed apps such as TT RockStars or self-reading. There are lots of resources out there if parents wish to take advantage to supplement the work directed by school, such as Joe Wicks, BBC website and BBC channels, or Oak Academy lessons to name a few. Baking cakes and going for walks are still great activities to learn from.

Maths and English task will be set daily with some foundation work such as history, geography, art etc... Keeping up with the maths and English should be a priority!

### **A TYPICAL DAY**

Each day children are invited to attend the check in video call and the same again on the afternoon. Pupils at home get to see their friends in school and interact with a teacher.

We ask that every child shows that they are online by 2pm each day. This can be through attendance of the morning check in or commenting in the Google Classroom stream.

Teachers are sharing stories and reading to all children during some sessions. We are even looking to create lessons where pupils in school work with pupils at home in groups.

We have a duty of care to all pupils and parents will receive a phone call to check if everything is ok if we have not 'seen' your child online. We know that lots of things can get in the way of pupils being online, but ask that they access as much as possible.

Work is released each day to avoid overloading the children with lots of information and tasks all at once. Some task will have pre-recorded teaching videos to demonstrate or links to videos which will support.

### **HANDING IN WORK ONLINE**

Pupils are becoming experts at using the Google package. They are asked to 'hand in' work when complete. Some may be electronic or completed on paper. Pictures of paper work can be attached to the online task by taking a photo from your device.

### **TEACHERS**

Our teachers will be available 9am until 4pm each day. Some may mark work and leave comments after this time. There is no requirement for pupils or parents to look at or respond to this throughout the night. Please wait until the next school day.

Staff will not be contactable during the weekend.

## **GETTING HELP**

If you have issues with log in or access to Google Classroom or apps, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Questions can be asked on a task or written in the Classroom stream. Some children may wish to ask a work related question at the end of the morning video call.

Teachers should not be emailed with queries or questions.

## **ON REFLECTION**

Home schooling is a challenge. However, this lockdown we have been tasked with continuing every child's education. Do what you can and celebrate those successes rather than focusing on what didn't get done.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- When joining meetings through Google Classroom, the camera needs to be turned on for safeguarding reasons. If the camera can't be turned on, then the child will be asked to leave the meeting and only return once it is working. This is to protect both the pupil and the staff member.
- Pupils should dress suitably to be on screen. Sun glasses and hoods pulled up should be avoided. Pupils should leave other distractions, (mobile phones etc) till after the meeting.
- Work doesn't have to be completed the same day it is set. Put your own plans in place. Most work can be submitted by the end of the weekend.
- We ask that no photographs or video is taken of any home/school meeting. Permission has not been granted.
- The Google Classroom stream is for communication about work and shouldn't be clogged with general chatter between classmates.
- We ask that parents avoid communicating through Google Classroom and their child's account. Please contact the office and we can schedule a phone conversation.
- Teachers will tell pupils when a message has been sent only to them, so they can respond knowing other will not see it.
- If work is scored/graded 100/100, then the teacher is telling you the work is done. There is no need to resubmit work from this point.
- If in doubt, pupils should ask their remote teacher questions to help their work.
- We know it is a challenge to home school, so focus on key aspects and definitely the maths and English. Children will be back in school and the more they do at home, then the easier it will be on their return.

Thanks for everything you are doing whilst at home. Your efforts are to be praised.