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REMOTE LEARNING GUIDANCE-January 2021

Dear parents,

As you know many pupils will be accessing their learning remotely from tomorrow as the school is closed. This letter will outline how the school will facilitate this for your child and how we will offer support to both you and your child in the days ahead.

We will operate in much the same way as we did last time we closed so hopefully as we have all been through the process before and it will not be too daunting. For Reception and Key Stage One we will use Tapestry and for Key Stage Two we will use See Saw. These are the platforms that we have continued to use last autumn term, so everyone should have access to them.

When will the learning be set?

Teachers will set the learning for either the beginning of the week or all of the week by 6pm on the previous Sunday evening. This will give parents the opportunity to get things organised for the week ahead. There will be a timetable with links to learning for subjects and there will be PDF documents to download. There may be a lot but please work through it day by day.

Where will my child complete their learning and how will it be marked?

Children can complete their learning online, on the sheets that have been uploaded or in an exercise book. You may have a book from last time that your child can continue to use; if not then an exercise book can be picked up from school this week. Where possible the work will come with a mark sheet to enable children to self-mark. Feedback on other pieces of work will be given using the comments box. Your child should upload a photo of their work when it is complete and the teacher will give feedback in the comment box. It is also possible for your child to show their completed work by sending a short video.

Will there be lots to print off?

This is difficult and we know that parents struggled with this last time. Where possible pupils should look at the work on a screen and answer in a book to save printing out lots of worksheets.

What if I can't access the work or links that have been set. What will the resources be?

As before, we will offer as much support with this as we can but we ask that you are patient as it may not be possible for your child's teacher to respond immediately. We will be using some Twinkl resources but where possible hard copies of power points will be uploaded to save parents having to pay the fee to join. The resources in the main will be White Rose for maths, bespoke sheets for English and a mixture of websites for other subjects.



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I am trying to work as well as teach my child-how can I manage the remote learning?

We fully recognise the huge 'ask' that this is going to be for parents to manage the remote learning, once again. Our message is the same, please do as much as you can with your child in the circumstances that you are in. If every child does something every day, then it will be of a benefit. We do expect our older Year 5 and 6 children to be much more independent with managing their own learning. Having a routine in place will help you and your child.

Are teachers going to offer face to face remote sessions?

We find ourselves in different circumstances this time so it will now be possible to offer remote support sessions for pupils. However, we do ask parents to remember that these are for the pupils and any questions for the class teacher should be sent via Seesaw or Tapestry.

Teachers will offer three support sessions per day which pupils can access. We ask that all pupils access at least one session per day so that they can see their teacher and other members of the class who are learning remotely. **Pupils in Phoenix and Leprechaun Class MUST all access the first session of the day, so that we know that they are up and ready to engage with their daily learning.**

Reception and Key Stage One can class Zoom with their teacher at:

9.30am/ 1.00pm/ 2.30pm

Key Stage Two Pupils can class Zoom with their teacher at:

9.00am/ 12 noon/ 3.00pm.

Each parent will be emailed a log in code and a password specific to their child's class. The same log in details can be used each time for the sessions. These will be issued at the beginning of every week to parents who have signed and returned the Zoom Agreement.

Please bear with us as we start this new process as there may be some teething problems. Due to planned meetings this week, that cannot be changed, **Dragon Class** may not have all of their Zoom sessions on Wednesday. We will let parents know more about this on Tapestry.

If you have two children in the same Key Stage, then you will need to access the sessions from two different devices. Zoom is available on many electronic devices and if it is a problem then children can access different Zoom sessions during the day. Do please let us know if this will be a significant problem for you.

I will continue to send short videos to the children using Dropbox and from week beginning 11th January will be offering each class a remote assembly, with me once per week using Zoom.

We are committed to working in partnership with you and your child during this period of closure and know that whilst it is far from ideal, that it is a necessary step that the government have had to take to reduce the rate of infection. We hope to see everyone back in school very soon.

Kind regards,

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