



Dear parent/carer,

Last night's announcement of the closure of schools came as a shock to us all and I want to thank parents for giving us today to ensure that we are able to collate information so we can move forward safely.

By now if your child has been allocated a vulnerable child or key worker place school will have contacted you. If you feel that you qualify for one of these places and have not heard from us please call the school office to discuss.

For all other children this lockdown differs from the previous full lockdown in the fact that engagement with online learning is compulsory. All children have an allocated Microsoft TEAMS account and teachers will deliver up to 4 online sessions daily. Children are required to attend these sessions and a register will be taken. Any child not accessing home learning will be contacted by school to see how we can facilitate access, for those who do not engage then this will be classed as an unauthorised absence and procedure for this absence followed. The school has laptops and resources we can provide for parents who do not have access for all children.

Our remote learning plan

Our remote learning plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school. Each day the children will have access to up to 4 sessions at the following times;

9:15, 10:15, 11:15 and 13:15

During these sessions your child will have to face to face teaching from staff at school and then be given a task to complete, where possible this task will not require sheets to be printed but resources will be available on TEAMS to support written work. Children can then either take a picture or complete the work electronically and upload this for the teacher to give feedback. Sessions will always include, Reading (Phonics), Writing, Maths and a Foundation subject (In school we teach our Foundation subjects in blocks so you may see 2 week of RE followed by two weeks of Science etc.) Staff will be available to answer questions until 15:00 each day and can support as needed.

What you'll need at home

Each child will need access to a laptop, phone or I-pad (with camera and microphone) in order to access the learning that they need to complete. They will also need paper and pens etc. If you need any support with resources whilst accessing remote learning, please contact school. **For those families who do not have access to a laptop or I pad we have devices we can provide to families.**

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We would also ask that children are up and dressed and sat at a table or desk with no distractions to ensure they are in the right frame of mind to learn. We understand that parents are having to juggle childcare whilst often working at home themselves and we are confident that children from Year 2 upwards should have no problems accessing learning once set up. We would just ask those parents with younger children to be available for their child to call upon if they have issues. During the first session staff will take care to explain exactly how TEAMS works and share our code of conduct with your child. Each TEAMS account has a message function should you be struggling with technology in any way. Staff at school are also more than happy to talk parents through how to log on and access materials.

Further information on how to use TEAMS can be found on the Remote learning page of the school website, as always should you have any issues please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pointon