

Monday 2nd November 2020

Self-isolation and School Closure Home Learning Reception and Nursery

Dear Parent and Carers,

Whilst we continue to ensure that our school remains a normal and supportive environment for the children, we are very mindful of the changing coronavirus related restrictions in our local area as well as in different parts of the country. It is important to remind you that we are following Government guidelines and are taking all practicable measures to help keep our school and community safe, whilst striving to provide the best learning outcomes for the children.

Anticipating the possible impact of any missed time at school has meant that we have had to accept that we cannot guarantee there will not be any disruption to your child's attendance at school. This disruption may take the form of; individual families who are required to self-isolate, a class or year group bubble who have to learn from home, or even that the whole school could close. In any of these scenarios, we must make sure that the children's learning is not interrupted.

So to meet the Government expectations on providing remote learning provision we have put in place the ability to set home learning online. In Reception and Nursery this will be done using the online platform Tapestry. Within Tapestry we are able to set work, upload recorded lessons and attach links to online activities. Parents can then upload observations about the completed work, or videos and photos showing the work their child has done. Class teachers can then respond to the work the children have uploaded either within Tapestry or during a weekly phone call home to check on progress.

We would like to stress that this arrangement has been put in place as a precaution, to work alongside how the school are already using Tapestry, to be additionally accessed in the event of any pupils having to self-isolate or where a class, year group or school closure is required.



Tapestry can be accessed on both Android and Apple devices or through a web browser on a computer. Many parents are already familiar with how to use Tapestry to share observations, but to open any activities set through Tapestry, parents will need to access it through their web browser on their device.

Activities for Reception and Nursery will be set weekly with the expectation that they are completed by the end of the week.

The Online Home Learning will take the form of:

- A daily RWI phonic lesson
- A web based video lesson of a phonics session, that the children can join in with
- A set activity linked to a storybook
- A set activity with a number or shape focus
- A link to an Oak academy Maths video
- Links on the school website to additional online activities, on CBeebies, YouTube STEM and many more

Each child will bring home an exercise book and pencil to their record home learning. Once a week during a closure or period of self-isolation the class teacher will make a phone call home to give feedback on any work that has been uploaded and check on how they are coping with being at home.

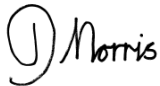
We understand that access to the home learning is going to be a challenge, it may not be possible to access the work that is set each day, at a set time of day. We know many families are sharing devices with siblings and parents and we also appreciate that it may be difficult to introduce using devices for learning instead of play.

So with this in mind we wanted to reassure you that the activities we have planned are short sessions designed to teach new content or review the content the children have already started learning in school. So the time your child will spend accessing the device will be as limited as possible. The planned follow up work is designed to take place without having to continue using the device. We wanted to highlight that the school will be uploading content to work through each week. There will not be any set times that the work will need to be accessed or the expectation that it needs to be completed between the hours of 9am and 3pm. We only ask that you work towards accessing the lesson content that is set each week, during that week. We therefore ask that you help us to reinforce the importance of your child continuing their learning and ensure that the set work is completed each week.

By keeping up with the home learning content, it will help us to give your child every opportunity to ensure that their learning continues as unaffected as possible. We hope that these measures will not be needed, but we need to be realistic and ready to ensure access to uninterrupted learning, as the need arises.

We thank you for your patience and support during this difficult time.

Kind regards,



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