

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

## Self- Isolation and School Closure Home Learning Y1 and Y2

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 home learning provision we have put in place the ability to set home learning online. In Years 1 & 2 this will be done using an online platform called Seesaw. Within Seesaw we can set work, upload recorded lessons and attach links to online activities. The children will be able to respond to the work in a number of ways, they will be able to; follow recorded lesson content, join in with modelled practical learning, complete activities online or upload examples of any practical or written work completed at home. Class teachers can then respond to the work the children have uploaded either within Seesaw or during a weekly phone call home to check on progress.

We would like to stress that this arrangement has being put in place as a precaution, ready to be used in the event of any pupils having to self-isolate or where a class, year group or school closure is required; **we are not currently sending work home weekly using Seesaw.**



The Seesaw platform can be accessed on Android or Apple devices or through a web browser on a computer.

Activities will be set each day with the expectation that it is completed by the end of the week.

The Online Home Learning will take the form of:

- A web based video lesson of a RWI phonics session, that the children can join in with
- A literacy task, which may be in the form of a short lesson introduction video from a class teacher or a link to an activity with follow up work to be completed in their exercise books.
- A maths task, which may be in the form of a short lesson introduction video from a class teacher or a link to Oak Academy video with follow up work to be completed in their exercise books.
- A theme activity linked to a foundation subject (e.g. PSHE, geography, history, music, computing ...) which may have follow up work to be completed
- The children being asked to log in to their Purple Mash account to complete a task and submit it
- Links on our website to additional online activities, on Topmarks, BBC bite size, and STEM that can be found to support learning
- The children having access to their Timetable Rockstars account in Year 2 and their Numbots account in Year 1

Each child will bring home:

- an exercise book and pencil to their record home learning
- a QR code sheet with their individual log in details for the Seesaw platform and instructions on how to access the site from home
- additional log in details for either Purple Mash, TT Rockstars or Numbots accounts

For those who are working from home, once a week each class teacher will make a phone call to give feedback on any work that has been received and check on how each pupil is coping with being at home.

During the last two weeks of last half term, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils had been learning how to access Seesaw. The children are quite familiar with how to use the QR code to access the site and how to make use of the uploading functions.

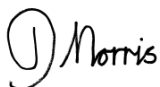
We understand that access to the home learning is going to be a challenge, it may not be possible to access work each day, or even at a set time of day. We know many families are sharing devices with siblings and parents and we also appreciate that it may be difficult to introduce using devices for learning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

So with this in mind we wanted to reassure you that the daily lessons 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 for a five day block 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 supporting your child in accessing the lesson content set each week, during that week. We therefore ask that you help us to reinforcing the importance of your child continuing their learning and by ensuring that 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 ensure your child has access to learning with the least interruption, as the need arises.

We thank you for your patience and support during this difficult time. Later this week we will send out further information confirming individual pupil log in details with stepped guides for how to access the Seesaw platform.

Kind regards,



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Deputy Headteacher

