



Together We Learn and Grow

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Dear parents and carers

## ONLINE PROVISION

I hope this letter finds you and your families healthy and safe. Following last night's announcement we will now be working online with those children who are currently not in school.

We feel well equipped to do this following much planning and preparation and use of our established Google Classroom facilities.

In September we surveyed all families to ascertain their Wi-Fi and laptop access. We kindly ask that you make contact with school so can offer wider support. If your circumstances have changed since our survey, we ask that you also contact the school to enable us to discuss ways to support you with access.

The government guidance expectations include that schools:

- set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects
- set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum:
- primary: 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort
- secondary: 4 hours a day, with more for pupils working towards formal qualifications this year
- provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos
- have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern
- gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback, at least weekly, using digitally facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate
- enable teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding



With this letter please find attached the revised copy of the Remote Learning policy that I ask you to read carefully. Be aware that new content is being taught with immediate effect so it is vital that children are engaging with this daily, as per government expectations. This will also support with a smoother transition of learning and continuity on their return to school, hopefully after half term.

Please be mindful that teachers are still teaching in the classrooms as well as delivering to those critical key worker children in school so may not be able to respond as swiftly to any questions or comments as in the previous lockdown.

We are very proud that we are once again supporting the national response in the face of rising numbers of cases and intense pressure on the NHS and I thank staff for their work and commitment in their reaction once again to this national crisis. We will work closely with parents to support you and your families at this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if any circumstances change or if you have any further questions.

Take care and kind regards



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