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Remote Learning from January 2021

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to wish you a happy new year and I hope you and your families were able to enjoy some kind of break in these very challenging times.

It has certainly been very difficult to remember the wonderful gift that the birth of Jesus was in the midst of this pandemic but I am hopeful that our faith, as a community, will provide us with strength during this time.

The school is following the government advice and the contingency framework and only opening the school to vulnerable children, those with EHCP's and the children of critical workers.

This means the majority of pupils will be receiving a continuity of their learning on-line. The children and staff have worked so hard since September and we really want to be able to keep this momentum up even with this interruption.

The school already had a Plan B strategy in place and the leadership team have reviewed this and discussed it with the whole staff again today. We have considered the risk assessments with regard to the contingency framework and taken advice from the local authority and public health. We will return to using the Covid Safeguarding Addendum.

I would like to outline the expectations for this period so parents and pupils are really clear as we move forward.

This week there will be lessons uploaded by the teacher for the following subjects:

- Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths taught lesson every day
- RE taught lesson twice a week
- Science lesson twice a week
- One foundation subject each day
 - History/Geography
 - Art/DT
 - PSHE

Next week we are looking to pre-record lessons so they have a voice-over from the teacher. We will also be complementing our on-line provision with lessons from Oak National Academy, this is the online classroom backed by the DfE. Each of Oak National's lessons is delivered by a trained teacher, over a pre-recorded video. It is clear at the start of each session any basic materials you might need, such as pens, paper, etc. The lessons are designed to need minimal supervision, although this will depend on the age of your child.



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- The learning for each day should be easy to find on the Google classroom and will be labelled with the day and the short date E.g. Tuesday - 05.01.21
- There will be a weekly and daily timetable so parents will know which lessons and activities have been scheduled for their child.
- Teachers will 'check-in' with pupils each day and provide feedback on the core subjects each day. This may be via a meeting link (where pupils are old enough) or through a shared story time- the teachers will make it clear when this is scheduled.
- Activities set in the core subjects of Maths and English will be 'due' by 3pm each day to allow for teachers to provide feedback and adjust any planning for the following day. We appreciate this may present some families with difficulties, particularly those with more than one child but we are setting it as an ideal- this way we can keep the learning as 'live' as possible. We therefore ask if pupils can try to complete the work assigned to them each day.
- School staff will make calls home to support any pupils experiencing difficulties accessing the on-line learning.

We also know how important it is for your children to have access to texts so they can continue to read at home. We have subscribed to an online library of resources from Rising Stars and the login details will be sent to you as soon as we have them.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals we will be sending out vouchers to you in the same way that we did over the Christmas period. We will endeavour to have these out to parents by the end of this week.

We hope that we can work together with our pupils and families to ensure that this interruption does not negatively impact their progress.

We hope you all continue to stay safe and well but please do keep communicating with us if anyone in your household develops symptoms, even while your child is learning at home. Please see the guidance below:

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
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For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

With God, all things are possible...Where there is love, there is God.



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How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information- Further information is available at
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We will continue to communicate any updates we receive with you via email and text.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Christoforou

Head of School