



Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

TERM 3 HOME LEARNING

Well, what a 48 hours!

I hope you are beginning to adjust to the home learning regime and the new expectations that are being put on Google Classroom.

We have tried and tested this for two days now to see how things have gone and overall have had some amazingly positive feedback about how it is running.

There are, as ever with new things that need implementing at short notice, elements that need refining and improving on and we are working on feedback from both staff and parents/children as we receive it. This letter lays out some further details and information.

It is important that everyone understands that the learning expected at home is compulsory and is meant to replicate the equivalent of what is in school and whilst this does for some areas need to look different, it should replicate it as far as possible. This needs to, of course, be managed with both children and staff's well-being and the fact we are managing over 60 children in school under the Key worker/vulnerable provision.

Exercise books can be collected from the foyer if needed.

Each day, by 9.15am work will be posted onto your child's google class page. Every day will have the following set:

CLASS:	Date:	Notes/Information
Reading		
Phonics/SPG Task		
Writing Task		
Maths Task		
PE/Active Task		
Other Task (1 x RE/Science/Topic/PSHE)		
LIVE SESSION TIME		

A weekly timetable will also be provided on a Monday. This will be brief in its detail but will give parents an idea of the week ahead.

The work set will then be placed in the classwork tab and in the relevant subject folders with the daily class plan on the stream. On a Monday, folders will be cleared ready for the next week.

In order to manage the marking and feedback of this work each day one task will be set as an assignment and expected to be handed in on Google Classroom so that the teacher can mark it. Other informal methods of feedback will happen with daily interaction on the live lesson as well as general chat and questions.

Teachers are available 8:45-3:15 online (except for when on PPA – please see below).

I would also encourage that the children only 'work' in those hours too.

Each morning I will post an assembly or message as well as a story each day; one for FS/KS1 and one for KS2.

Live Lessons will take place every day (except for Owls which will be Mon – Thurs). Please see the timetable below for the confirmed time each day:

Owls	Puffins	Flamingos	Peacocks	Woodpeckers	Toucans	Parrots	Kingfishers	Hérons
2.30pm	TBC	11am	11.30am	9:30am	1.15pm	10.30pm	10am	10am

Mrs Andrews hopes to commence these from Monday and Mrs Lushey from Thursday for their respective classes.

Live sessions will last for no more than 30 minutes. Please see the live lesson expectations for children below and go through them with your child/ren.

The link for the lesson will become available 1-2 minutes prior to the session and at the end removed again. Additionally, the link will be reset weekly.

Children's live lesson expectations

- Children need to be in a suitable location to have their live lesson
- TV is to be off and no other distractions e.g. phones around
- Children need to be wearing appropriate clothes not onesies/pyjamas
- Children need to remember behaviour boundaries and general online expectations – this includes being friendly, kind and polite in nature as they would be if talking in real-life
- Do not use the chat facility other than to respond to the teacher.
- You need to be on mute when entering the live lesson.
- If you wish to ask/speak/answer then use the raise the hand button at the bottom of the screen
- Please ensure that following the live session you leave it.

Teachers PPA

Each teacher is entitled to an afternoon or session of non-contact time. In this ever changing fast paced world we are currently working in, this is certainly needed at this present time.

Teachers will therefore not be available at this time on google classroom or by email and they will use this time as a focused time to plan for the following week to ensure high quality learning is planned for. This will clearly be identified on the weekly timetable but is likely to be at the same as commonly their PPA is taken when school is open.

No online access

If your child and you do not have digital or online access at home, we will support you by printing materials if absolutely needed. School will need to be informed that this provision is required and work will be available to collect from the school foyer from 10am each day. (An SLT member in school will organise the printing of this). Additionally, a generic pack of work will be provided on a Friday which will have other work to be completed if needed. Pupils will submit one piece of work as instructed each day either by emailing a picture of it to the teacher's school email or dropping it off the next day when collecting the work.

Daily Register and contact

As already shared this learning is not optional and we will be checking whether children are engaging with their work. Just like at school teachers will daily take a 'register' to see who has been participating. This does not mean everything, nor does it mean you have to attend the live lesson, but we do need to make sure as a duty of care children are accessing some education during this time. If this has not happened for 2 days teachers will email or an office member/SLT member will ring home to discuss the reasons and provide support.

Key worker/In school provision

We will be sending out a poll every Thursday for the following week.

There have been a large number of pupils sign up with the number close to 60. I urge you for the safety of staff and the children to really consider the need to use this facility. My thoughts on it for it to be used are so

'Love one another as I have loved you'

John 13:34-35

that your child is safe and can be cared for not because you are entitled to it and think you can use it. The idea of the children in school is that they access the work on Google classroom like at home and complete it. The children will not be receiving teaching from us and more/different things are not being planned when in school. We are in a national lockdown due to the higher transmission numbers and I really ask you to consider carefully the need to use this facility. That said I know there are those of you who are dependent on this facility.

We are trying to get the children to access the live lessons when in school – if they have a set of headphones this would help enormously if they could bring them in.

Fresh Start

Today you will have been emailed by the office regarding the offer from Fresh Start for those children who are in school- the availability and choices. You will also have received an email direct from them as parents. You will need to order via Meal Manager from the new menu so they can track allergens. You will be able to order up to Thursday 12:00 noon.

Street Tag

Some of you will have spotted how well we did with Street Tag and that we are now in a Top 10 Leader board currently sitting in 2nd place.

We received this message earlier today:

Congratulations on securing a place in Finals Leader board.

*We look forward to bringing further improvements to the Street Tag app and working to support your School families in 2021. Please find below a new team QR code for finals. Please share the new QR code with the parents to join the school team(**applies to new users and not the existing ones**). We are making sure all the players from the old school team are migrated to the new FINALS leader board by the end of this week.*

Please do continue to email the office or class teacher if you have any queries – if you email the contact form on the website then this is another way to make contact if needed. I will continue to send out a weekly newsletter to you all.

I hope this letter has clarified the running of the home learning until what I think will be half term. You will all be doing a fantastic job at supporting your children and whilst I know this is a steep learning curve for all of us, is providing the children with some high-quality learning opportunities.

Take care

Kind regards

Sarah Smith
Head teacher

New Street Tag QR code applies to new users only

