

## Head Teacher

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support during the lockdown and the positive comments about the handling of the closure. We realise it is not going to be easy home schooling the children again, however with the infections rates increasing and the pressure put on the NHS we all have to do our bit to protect lives.

As you are hopefully aware, we have split our learning into two, online and the resource pack. You should have received a pack of resources this week including reading books, spelling/ phonics work, maths skills work, guided reading materials for the next 6 weeks and login details for Google Classroom, our online teaching platform.

Remote learning during this lockdown is different to when we closed in March. The Government has made it law that school needs to provide children with an appropriate amount of learning for their age, at primary school this was set at 3 hours a day. When the children returned in September the gap between age expectations and the level they were working at had grown in many cases. The children had made good progress in the first term so what we are providing is to ensure we minimise this gap growing wider again. With this in mind the teachers have planned daily maths, literacy and curriculum sessions, supplemented with the materials sent home. The minimum expectation is that the children should complete the literacy and maths work daily with some reading. The timetable sent out was a guide of how the structure would look in school and could be applied at home, but we realise this may not be possible in every household.

### **Google Classroom**

It is lovely to see that all the children have been able to log on to Google Classroom to access the work been set by teachers at school. Please make sure your children have pressed the hand in button in the top right-hand corner so the teacher can mark and give feedback to the children. This is important otherwise we will not know if the children have completed the work.

### **Attendance**

We are able to see how many children are logging on and we will use this and the work they complete as an attendance register everyday like we would in school. If your child has not logged on and completed work we will contact you to discuss any issues you may be having with the work. Again, we are asked by the Government about remote learning attendance so will be keeping a record.

**Growing Learners for Life**

The staff are still working whether setting work, marking and feeding back to pupils who have handed in their work or in school with the children who absolutely need to be. As the current lockdown continues we will be looking at more ways to provide remote learning via Google Classroom. The staff are available to help via the private conversation button in your child's class area or via the office email, please contact us with any issues or concerns.

We realise that this is a difficult time and children working at home is not the same as the children working in school. Please try and support your child and the school as much as you can. Thank you again for your patience and support in this difficult time we do appreciate it and know we will all be back in school as soon as possible. Please stay safe and take care.

Kind Regards

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