

Lockdown learning January 2021

As a school, we have a duty to educate children during the school year. It is our commitment to ensure that learning is maximised with the least disruption as possible during the COVID pandemic. We are putting into place the following plan for those children who will not be in school during the first two weeks of January.

All learning will be posted on Microsoft Teams. This will include a timetable for the week and any resources needed or links to websites to visit for learning, including Purple Mash. The timetable will set out which sessions are 'live' and which are self-directed. Homework may also be set on Teams or Purple Mash. Your child should visit both to ensure they are up to date with what has been set by teachers.

In addition to online learning, we ask your child to visit Sir Linksalot to practise spellings (teachers will advise which sets to go to) as well as reading daily for 10 minutes and practising times tables. The children have all made so much progress this year, it will be incredibly disappointing if this slips away!

As before, your child can post their work online, using Teams or Purple Mash. Your class teacher will advise you on how to do this. Your class teacher and TA will be able to comment on these pieces and provide some feedback.

This time we will be providing some live teaching. For Beech, Pine and Oak we will provide a weekly session which will be either an assembly/PSHE/ welfare catch up. Your teacher will be able to tell you what day and time this will be on the timetable. We would like all children to attend as far as possible so that they can check in with their teacher but also see each other. This proved very successful in the past.

In addition, most classes will also include a live daily literacy (could be phonics) and maths session. This is likely to be a short input (live) and then tasks uploaded to follow up. This again should enable the children to have a full explanation of concepts and also enable children to ask any questions they have before beginning related tasks. **Please bear in mind though that if your child's class teacher is expected in school to look after key worker children, I am not going to ask them to deliver any live lessons at the same time. Please also note that if teachers are unwell, they will not be delivering live lessons and work posted/ responses will be limited.**

If you feel you would like work in addition to that set on TEAMS or Purple Mash then please do visit the class pages on our school website as these still list other useful websites which can be accessed to enhance learning. There are also many activities which your child can complete without direction on Purple Mash.

If your child does not have access to technology you should let me know as soon as possible. Sadly, the DfE has only allocated 2 laptops for the whole school, which we have to apply for, so these will be allocated based on vulnerability criteria.

If you have any further questions, then please ask your class teachers on the relevant TEAMS page.

Many thanks

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