

Childs Name	
Email address/Teams Username	
Password	
Focus Group	

Dear Parents/Carers

I feel this week has given us a lot of surprises. We were very pleased to provide home learning packs to all our children for this week and to provide the same work for the children of critical workers. It has been wonderful to see all the work that has been shared with us. Thank you.

For the next five weeks, taking us to Friday 12th February we have planned a complete Remote Learning Program, for delivery at home and at school. All the children will receive the same program. Next week's Remote Learning Program is attached to this email.

Please see above for your child's updated login/password. In addition, their focus group (as explained below).

This will give you access to Microsoft Teams. All communication and delivery will be through Microsoft Teams. Attached to this email we have created a Teams user guide for parents.

Every week, you will receive a home learning pack. This pack will contain a menu and resources. The menu is split into 5 days with a timetable for each day. This will be available for you to view by 4pm on the Friday before the start of a new week. We want to make this available because we know many of you will want to look through it before Monday morning!

You will notice in the timetable that children will be able to join a whole class check in on Monday mornings, Maths and English Input groups and 1:1 sessions throughout the week. For these video calls on Microsoft Teams, please observe the following:

- **Children must be sat with and supported by an adult during all video calls (although one parent maybe supporting two or more children in different spaces);**
- **Microphones to be switched off until the teacher directs you to switch them on;**
- **Children and adults to be dressed please;**
- **Children to be sat in a quiet, appropriate place please;**
- **Children to have a pencil and workbook /paper for all teacher group and 1:1 input sessions.**

For each of these sessions, you will receive to your child's email a regular invite. All you need to do is click on the link in the email to join the session.

Whole class sessions and Maths and English Focus groups are set at the same times. 1:1 input invites will be sent on a fortnightly basis.

Please be aware that all sessions will be recorded. For whole class sessions and Maths and English Focus groups these recorded sessions are available through the chat feature on Teams so children can watch them at a later time.

The Government has directed us to provide, on average, 3 hours of learning for Primary children daily. However, we know how hard it was for parents to teach children at home during Lockdown 1.0. We understand the pressure and upset this caused. We do not want to add to this pressure, and we do not want to be the cause of upset. We understand if children (and adults!) need to rest or have breaks and we do not expect every child to engage with all work every day of every week in Lockdown 3.0. There will be times you need to take breaks, there will be days when children may not engage. We do not want you or them to feel bad about this. We simply want to support you the best we can for the future.

We have designed the Remote Learning Program to engage children and to support them and we hope you recognise this increased contact and more defined program of learning is mindful of the lessons we learnt in Lockdown 1.0.

We learnt a lot as teachers throughout Lockdown 1.0. We will make available a workbook for every child. This can be collected from the school office entrance on Friday 8th and Monday 11th January 2021. During Lockdown 1.0 we provided comprehensive print outs of learning packs. We are sorry we cannot afford to continue this. With this in mind, Class Teachers have planned activities that require less worksheets and there are more opportunities for children to present their work through more creative activities. We will make available, in printed form, any worksheets children need to write on. These will be available from Friday 1pm for the following week.

We are passionate about your child's education and we want to support you through Lockdown 3.0 to the best of our abilities. We have worked hard to get these plans for the next five weeks in place. We are sorry if we have made any mistakes, please bear with us. We will review and adjust, as the weeks go on. A heartfelt thank you from all the Staff for your patience and understanding. Thank you!

Kind Regards

Hayley Hamblin

