

6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/carers

### **Accessing remote learning**

As our term officially begins tomorrow many of you are now wondering how to access the remote learning for your child. This letter will hopefully clarify that for you.

It is now our statutory duty to provide remote learning to all pupils on roll that should last for at least three hours per day. The government and DfE would like this where possible to be set electronically so that it can be safely emailed back to school so the pupils can receive feedback etc, just as they would do in the classroom.

For Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January the remote learning for your child will be found on their class pages on our school website. The exception being those pupils in Mr Brightman's class, who should look on the Kingfisher page please.

From the 11<sup>th</sup> January all remote learning will be set and delivered via Microsoft TEAMS. Each year group will find a short video on their class webpage of how to access this learning via TEAMS. Each pupil will need log in details and these will be sent to you prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> January.

The use of Microsoft TEAMS enables staff to use PowerPoints, pre-recorded videos, as well as providing live lessons. It will also enable the pupils to email back their work and feedback to be given.

During lockdown all teaching staff will be responsible for either planning and delivering remote learning or planning and delivering in-school provision for our key-worker and vulnerable children.

The work set for both types of provision will be age related and be in-line with what the children would have accessed had schools been open to all pupils.

### **Paper-based packs**

Some of you have requested paper-based packs of work already. We can provide these as a last resort. However, it is important that we keep these to a minimum.

The reason for this is that the teachers will need to provide feedback to those children who are doing paper-based work and we do not want to provide an opportunity for the virus to be transmitted through this process, as the teachers would be touching that paper.

We would therefore urge you to request paper-based packs as a last resort.

If you genuinely do need these please contact school to let us know.  
These packs will be delivered at least twice a week by a member of staff but will need bringing back to school by a member of your family.

**Completing work set**

It is also our duty to monitor those child who are and are not accessing remote learning in whichever form. If your child is not accessing this on a daily basis we will be contacting you to discuss this issue, as it is important that all children access some form of education.

We appreciate that this is a stressful time for all parents, as they are not teachers, may have several children to home-educate, only have limited number of devices and may well be working from home themselves.

We would ask that you do not put too much pressure on yourselves. Try to set a regular slot each day for your child to access their work. This may deviate from their normal school hours due to family circumstances. You have to do this in a way that suites your circumstances.

If you need some advice or support with remote learning, please do not hesitate to contact either your class teacher, me or the school office.

I hope this clarifies everything for you. Please get in touch if you do have a question or need something clarifying.

Remember to stay home and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.A. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C.A. Smith (Head of School)