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Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been putting together our plans for the move to remote learning. As per government guidance we are only open to Critical Worker and vulnerable Children. This applies to our Nursery as well.

Vulnerable children and Key Worker Provision

If your child is classified as vulnerable, or you are a key worker you will have received correspondence from the office regarding booking them into school for next week. We are currently putting together the rotas and bubbles for these groups and you will be contacted shortly about arrangements for next week. **For this week arrangements will stay the same as they were today, this includes timings of the school day and the way you bring your children into school.**

Children in school will access the same provision as the children working from home.

Remote Learning

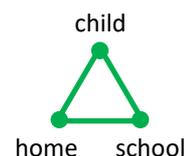
Children not attending school will be provided with remote learning to be completed at home. As you are probably aware, we have decided to use Seesaw as our method of delivery. This approach will enable us to use a blend of pre-recorded lessons, set tasks, and provide links to relevant websites and resources to assist with completing the tasks. Teachers will be able to provide feedback to the children's work and it also offers the opportunity for children to communicate with their teachers. At the moment all teachers are in their classroom teaching a bubble and in the first instance they won't be able to provide immediate feedback.

Our teachers are all set up to start remote teaching tomorrow. The work set will match what is being covered in school. Unlike the previous lockdown school remains statutory and the remote learning will need to be completed at home and uploaded onto Seesaw.

The expectation is that work is completed so that children stay in touch with the class curriculum for when they return. The school is providing blended learning- delivery to children in class and at home. For most teachers this is their first experience of using Seesaw so please bear with us. Unlike a larger Secondary school, we don't have an IT department on standby. Please bear with us as we manage any technical difficulties and let us know if you are having trouble accessing anything.



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How should children complete their learning?

Ideally, using a writing pencil on lined paper, seated at a table, for all written tasks. You then photograph their learning and upload to Seesaw. The children's class teacher will then be giving feedback to the key learning tasks (not necessarily every item you upload).

How much support should I give?

For Infant aged children, remote learning is not ideal. For many of the tasks children will need some adult support. For the most part, try to ensure your child understands the task and then leave them to complete this with some independence (as you would expect of them in a class of 30).

I am working and have limited capacity to support remote learning.

We understand that every family will be juggling a unique set of circumstances. Any support you can give will benefit your child. Seesaw allows you to complete tasks at the time that suits you and your family. From our parent survey we understand that children have varying amounts of access to laptops/tablets. We ask that you prioritise the daily English (including reading) and maths. If you aren't accessing every piece of learning set on Seesaw, we do understand. If you aren't accessing any of the learning set, we will be in touch to find out how we can support you.

Nursery will provide a daily letter and sounds task, a numbers rhyme task as well as a weekly story, rhyme time and a weekly grid which covers the Prime and Specific areas of the EYFS curriculum.

Reception will provide a daily phonics task, Maths or Literacy task and a topic theme based task.

Year 1 will provide a daily English or Maths task, a phonics task and a theme or Science task.

Year 2 will provide a daily phonics task, English and Maths task and a Geography or Science task.

Class teachers will communicate via Seesaw. This remains the most effective route for questions or queries.

If you are unable to access remote learning please contact us as a matter of urgency so that we can support you.

Log-ins

Your child has had their log on sent home. If you have difficulties logging on please contact the school office.

I hope to have answered some of the key questions you may have at this time. Class Teachers will now be uploading learning to Seesaw ready for tomorrow. I will be in touch with you all again.

With best wishes,
Miss Cooper