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Dear Parents/Carers

Remote Home Learning

The DFE have made very explicit their expectations for Remote Education:

Where a class, group or a small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or local restrictions require pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education. Schools are expected to consider how to continue to improve the quality of their existing curriculum, for example through technology, and have a strong contingency plan in place for remote education provision by the end of September.

In developing these contingency plans, we expect schools to:

- ***Use a curriculum sequence that allows access to high quality online and offline resources and teaching videos and that is linked to the school's curriculum expectations.***
- ***Give access to high quality remote education resources.***
- ***Select the online tools that will be consistently used across the school in order to allow interaction, assessment and feedback and make sure staff are trained in their use***

(DFE Guidance for full opening: Schools Updated 10th October)

Unfortunately, in recent weeks an increasing number of local schools have been required to close school for some classes/year groups. Therefore, it is important that you are familiar with our Remote Home Learning systems. We really appreciate how many families have fully embraced our proposed plans, ensuring their child has access to a suitable device to use Class Dojo (KS1) or Google Classroom (KS2) should the need arise. If using Kindle Fire you can access Google Classroom through a browser by visiting classroom.google.com

The use of technology in this way will enable staff to set tasks on a daily basis and provide guidance for pupils through a series of teaching videos. It will also enable pupils to get timely feedback.

Outlined below is our tiered approach, showing when remote teaching may be required:

Tier 1: Where an individual pupil is absent due to Covid-19. This could be due to Covid-19 symptoms, self-isolation, quarantining, awaiting test results, household members exhibiting symptoms etc.

- When a child is required to stay at home because they have symptoms, or a member of their family has symptoms, initial guidance will be sent home for some suggested activities.
- When confirmation is received that a child will have to self-isolate for a prolonged period of time e.g. a family member has tested positive, or they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, further Home Learning will be provided.

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Tier 2: Where a staff member is absent due to Covid-19, but the class/bubble remains in school. This could be due to Covid-19 symptoms, self-isolation, quarantining, awaiting test results, household members exhibiting symptoms or being required to self-isolate.

- Where the absent staff member is a teacher, they will provide virtual teaching through Google Meet, providing they are in a situation to do so.

Tier 3: Where a group of pupils, including the staff, are absent due to Covid-19.

- This would typically be where a positive case is identified within a class/bubble, and the full class/bubble is instructed to self-isolate.

- On the first day of absence, initial ongoing activities will be sent home. Further Home Learning will be provided from the second day of absence via Class Dojo (KS1) or Google Classroom (KS2) on a daily basis for the period of absence.

Tier 4: Where the full school closes to all pupils except those who are vulnerable, those with an EHCP or those who have key worker parents.

- As above for Tier 3; staffing will be arranged to enable staff to provide Home Learning via Class Dojo or Google Classroom for all classes within the year group on a daily basis.

Hopefully this clearly outlines when Remote Education will take place and when/why some staff may be teaching from home whilst their classes are in school. Should you have any queries regarding Remote Learning please contact your child's class teacher. Hopefully we can deal with any concerns now so that you can fully support your children during any bubble closure or local/national lockdown, being fully prepared in advance is the key!

Yours sincerely



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