

Remote learning guidance for parents of children in Key Stage One

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to outline our provision for your child's remote learning from tomorrow.

Key Stage One will continue to use Showbie as a teaching and learning tool to enable them to access and upload their work from home. All the children have an account on Showbie and have been confidently using this platform in class for some time now. Teachers will use this platform, along with Zoom, to continue to deliver a daily curriculum to their children.

All the children have Showbie uploaded on to their iPad as an app. This will allow them to log on to Showbie and gain instant access to their class. If you are experiencing issues logging on, please speak to your child's class teacher, via Classlist or the year group email address, as soon as possible so this can be rectified.

We have spilt our Key Stage One staff to support the children in school and the children at home. Please find the details below:

Year 1- Miss Taylor and Miss Tiassey will teach in school on a Monday and Tuesday, followed by Mrs Sykes and Mrs Merrill teaching in school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Sykes and Mrs Merrill will be supporting remote learning on Monday and Tuesday and Miss Taylor and Miss Tiassey will support remote learning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Year 2- Miss Ward, Miss Bonini (Red Kite Student Teacher) and Mr Longley will be based in Miss Ward's classroom, Monday to Friday, to support learning in school.

Mr Hebblewhite, Miss Arkley and Mrs Coverdale will support remote learning at home Monday to Friday.

The children will stay with the same group and adults throughout this time, unless a member of staff becomes ill and a replacement is needed.

Our remote learning will follow this format:

- A weekly timetable will be emailed to parents giving details of all the lessons that will be taught during the following week. This will be sent via email on a Friday afternoon.
- The timetable will show 4 lessons; an English, maths, phonics/reading and topic lesson, along with a follow up activity. This is the same familiar format that we have previously used in Key Stage One.
- **Each day, your child will be asked to join one Zoom lesson.** This lesson will either be maths or English and will be highlighted in green on the weekly timetable. **This will start at 9.15am and last approximately 15-20 minutes** and will be led by Miss Ward (Year 2) and Miss Taylor or Miss Sykes (Year 1). Zoom has been downloaded on to your child's iPad and this has been tested in

class. A parents' guide to Zoom accompanies this letter. Please pay particular attention to the Code of Conduct for Zoom.

- Your child's class teacher will send you their Zoom code and password, so they can join the lesson. This code and password will be the same each day and can also be found on the top of the weekly timetable. Please note the different Zoom codes for Miss Taylor and Mrs Sykes' days.
- After the daily Zoom lesson, your child will be asked to complete a follow up activity, which they will then upload to Showbie as normal. Feedback will be provided on this activity by the teacher or teaching assistant.
- The remaining three lessons and activities will be uploaded daily by the teachers with the aim that the children complete and submit them by the end of the day for marking. We understand that this may be difficult to complete the same day due to childcare arrangements and other difficulties. The task will remain on Showbie, so it can be completed at a time that suits your arrangements. Details of where to find the tasks on Showbie will be on the weekly timetable.
- The remaining three lessons on the timetable will be a mixture of teacher led videos and/or additional materials to aid the children's understanding of a topic.
- These videos will either be a screen recording with the teacher's voice recorded over the top, or a video of the teacher delivering information.
- Reading will be expected to continue with reading records being updated by parents at least 3 times a week.
- Work will be marked by Teachers/TAs each day between the hours of 9am -3pm. Teachers/TAs will be able to remotely mark work via their Showbie account. This will appear as written or verbal feedback, which the children can access if they return to the work.
- A separate email address for Year 1 and Year 2 is still available should parents have any questions or queries regarding the Showbie tasks. A member of the KS1 team will respond as soon as possible to your query between the hours of 9am and 3pm. If you have a question or need to pass on information relating to an individual child, please continue to message class teachers via the messaging service on Classlist.

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We understand that the children may need support uploading and completing some pieces of work and that parents may have time constraints with their own work commitments, but we appreciate your help and support during this time. We are however trying to support our children to the best of our abilities remotely and we understand the pressures that this will put on everybody. We would appreciate it if parents could be mindful of the fact that teaching remotely via Zoom will be a new challenge for our staff, with associated difficulties and stresses. Please bear with us as we adjust to a new way of teaching and learning.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or your child's class teacher. We appreciate your co-operation and support during this time.

Kind regards,

Holly Taylor

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