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Dear parent/carer,

As you may be aware, schools are required to have a remote learning plan in place so that any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 does not miss out on their learning.

This letter explains our plans for remote learning for children who have to self-isolate as part of a bubble, or where local or national restrictions mean that children need to stay at home.

### **Our remote learning plan**

Our remote learning plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school.

We aim to provide daily tasks through Google classroom, each pupil will receive a log in (teachers are receiving training over the next few weeks). There will be tasks set for maths, English and topic/science. Weekly creative challenges will also be set. Pupils are expected to be learning for up to 3 hours a day.

We aim to provide one live/recorded lesson a day - but this will be confirmed once we are fully trained on the use of google classroom and google meet.

Each task set by the teacher in the Google classroom will have a submit by date and teachers will provide feedback to work submitted once a week.

During lockdown we emailed learning packs, but since then we have used funding available from the DFE and are now able to offer learning through Google classroom. This means we can offer a more interaction process of remote learning.

### **What you'll need at home**

- Children will need, e.g. a device that can access the internet, such as a laptop, desktop computer, tablet or smartphone.
- Children will also need paper and a pencil, pens, ruler and an eraser.
- A quiet space where they can work without interruption.

If your child does not have any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can help support you.

If your child is unable to access the internet we can email work packs home as during lock down.

### **What we expect from your child**

It's important that your child engages with home learning daily and completes the tasks set within their google classroom.

If they aren't engaging with the learning, we'll use the following strategies to provide additional support:

- Phone call home.
- Increased feedback.

## **What you can do to help**

We appreciate that if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time.

Younger children in particular may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we don't expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But, it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they've learned.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their routine.
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions. You can contact the head at your child's school who will try their best to support you

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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