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Dear parents / carers

First of all can I thank you for the many messages of support we have received this week, and also your patience as we try to come to terms with both the National lockdown, and the situation we find ourselves in trying to deliver the best education we can for the children moving forward. I hope to explain below the approach we are taking and also the arrangements we have put in place. We have planned to be in lockdown until February half term, but as you know we have an ever changing national picture so may need to react quickly to any changes that may occur.

Remote Learning

Last half term we asked you to respond to a survey about your access to devices, the internet and your preferences in terms of how the learning is delivered. Most parents said they would like a mix of learning online, and “traditional” learning using the work packs. We are also aware that many parents are using a phone, and many have only 1 device that a number of children would have to share. Due to these issues our aim is to develop a home learning plan where main learning takes place through the work packs, but teachers will have a face to face session daily with each class, explaining work for that day. We hope this will be an interactive session where children can see each other as well as the class teacher, and the whole class can share some time together. This is taking time set up, so please bear with us and look out for future messages about this. Work packs will also have ideas for extending children’s learning online.

You should all have logins for Purple Mash and Times Tables Rockstars, and these activities will help build children’s knowledge further as they learn at home.

From Monday, the BBC have a wide range of learning available on the TV; you do not need internet access, or to share devices, so are easy to access for everyone. These are always good quality programmes and have been designed to support the national curriculum requirements for each key stage. Primary programmes will be on CBBC and Early Years programmes on Cbeebies every morning starting from Monday 11th January.

Work packs are designed to support the children’s learning across the curriculum. They have maths and English learning every day, alongside work for another subject. This work does not have to be completed in 1 session. The idea is that the time is flexible and the learning can fit around work, activities or other children’s learning in the family.

Learning at home is very different for the children than learning in school. One to one learning is much more intense and without interaction in the class, children can feel more under pressure. To help our advice is:

- Find some time to talk to your child before they start each activity. Asking children to explain what they need to do helps them to organise their thoughts and understanding.
- Work is set for different levels of learning so your child should be able to work on their own for some of the time.
- Ask older children to support younger children. Children learn a lot by helping others to learn.
- Do not expect children to sit down and complete all their learning in one go. Build in activities such as playing board games, going for a walk, cooking together or just playing music and dancing around the kitchen! A range of activities will exercise the brain and help children refocus ready for their next activity
- Please do not stress about your children’s learning. If you have any worries or queries please contact your child’s class teacher. This can be done through Purple Mash and your child’s class teacher will ring





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you once a week to check in with you and your child. If there are any urgent issues, ring school and we can get a message to your child's teacher to get in touch. Please can you also tell your child's teacher if you only have access to a phone, or no devices at all that your child can use to get online.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU COLLECT YOUR CHILD'S WORK FROM SCHOOL. In the autumn term all children made good progress with their learning and we want that to continue.

The following table shows you when to collect the next 2 learning packs.

DATE	CLASSES	TIME
Tuesday 12th January and Tuesday 26th January	Year 6 , Year 5 : Mr Page	Year 3 Year 5 : Mrs Green
	Year 2 : 2F and 2M Year 4	Year 5 : Mr Pitt
Wednesday 13th January and Wednesday 27th January	Year 1 : 1J and 1V Reception : RS and RD Nursery (to collect from school entrance)	

If you have children in different year groups, we will organise the packs so all the children's work can be collected at the oldest child's collection time.

Please bring the completed learning packs back when you collect the new one.

Collect from classrooms through Gate No 2, except for Nursery who need to collect from the main entrance. Remember to socially distance and wear a face covering when on school premises.

Free School Meals

If you are entitled to means tested free school meals, you will have received a text message asking you to order a food box. If you have ordered, the aim is to deliver them weekly. However Morrison's have been in touch to say they have been overwhelmed with orders and you may not receive this week's box until Monday. They will not be able to confirm a delivery date with school, so next week you may receive one on Monday and then one on Wednesday. After that you should receive one every week. If there are any issues next week please contact the school office.

Email addresses and phone numbers

Whilst in lockdown, our messages to you will be sent through text and email. Please make sure that we have the correct contact details. If you need to change them please ring the school office.

Over the next few weeks we will keep in touch, but please do not hesitate to contact us in school if you need any support or have any questions or concerns. We are already missing all of you and really hope we can return to school soon.

Please stay safe and take care of each other

Mrs Charles

