

3rd January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Remote Learning across the school from January 5th 2020

In line with Government guidelines Orsett will move to remote learning across the school until such a time as we are advised differently. Currently, we are being told that a decision will be made about the 18th January onwards and as and when we know more information we will of course let you know.

As you know the school is open to a select few who meet the criteria for vulnerable and critical worker status. These rooms will follow the remote learning packages as best as they can but with a mixed age range and teaching staff also delivering a remote learning package this will be more challenging.

Places for critical workers will be confirmed tomorrow and details about what bubbles will look like given before Wednesday.

Detailed below is how we will be providing learning for those children remaining at home. We will be providing as much as we can during the next 2 weeks and have made a timetable and offer that we feel will work for the majority. We fully understand the challenging circumstances many of you will be facing with juggling work and child care and only ask that you do your best. We understand that many of you will have to work different hours and will complete remote learning when it suits you best. Please reach out to class teachers who will support as best as they can. All we ask it that you engage with remote learning as best as possible in order for your child to continue to move forwards.

Whilst we have tried to organise everything to run smoothly of course, if things need to change, we will endeavor to give you as much notice as possible.

Class Dojo



Whilst your children are at home, we will be providing online learning via our Class Dojo App. An overview of the week will be provided at the beginning of each week and also emailed out to each class so you can see what is coming. Please make sure as much as possible that children do the tasks on the correct day however we will be flexible and supportive. Where there are sheets or specific tasks these won't be uploaded until the correct day. All work will be uploaded by 8am each day.

Your child will receive the following 4 pieces of learning each day:

- Maths Learning



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'God's word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for our path.' Inspired by Psalms 119.105

- English Learning
- Phonics or Grammar
- Foundation Learning

All work can be found in the portfolio section of dojo. This will be assigned to the whole class but in some circumstances may be differentiated according to need so may differ across the class.

Where possible or needed the teacher will have pre-recorded instructions to accompany the learning. For example if a piece of maths learning requires some pre-teaching this will accompany the post. This can then be watched as many times as your child needs in order to understand.

You should upload any learning to your child's portfolio where this will then be marked and feedback provided by the class teacher. Any work uploaded before 1pm your class teacher will endeavor to comment and give feedback that day. Work uploaded after this may not be responded to until the next day. Where more than one photo is uploaded for a task it may be that one photo is responded to.

If you have any questions about this, please contact your class teacher from Monday 4th January via the Class Dojo messaging APP, or alternatively, call the school office who will pass your questions on. In Year 1 please contact Mrs Woods until Wednesday lunchtime and then Mrs Lucas from Wednesday afternoon to Friday.

Online Resources

In addition to the class dojo work your child can access Spelling Shed. Children can also access work on the Oak National Academy website should you require more activities or learning. This can be found on:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year/year-1>



Your child should have their log-in details for these resources, however, if you need these again, the class teacher will be happy to share them with you.

Virtual 'Time with my Teacher' sessions

We feel that it is important for children to see their teacher each day. Of course if teachers are sick we will endeavor to find cover but will inform you if this can't take place for any reason. We have created a timetable so that every class has time with their teacher. We understand that it may not be a convenient time for everyone and if you cannot attend please do not worry.



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During this time, the class teacher will discuss the learning tasks set on class dojo and spend some time with the class. It will be an opportunity for the class to see each other virtually, share and hear a story, ask questions about the learning for the day or from yesterday and complete some well-being activities.

We will be holding these sessions via Teams. Class teachers will be scheduling these calls on Monday 4th January and you should receive a notification of your time at some point during the day. This worked well when we did this with Year 1 prior to the Christmas holidays.

Before the call children should log into teams using the email address you used for parents evening. We believe you should get a reminder for the call which you can then join. This is still a new way of working for us and for many of the staff so please bear with us. If you don't get on the call on Tuesday for any reason please let the class teacher know and we will see what we can do to support you.

Times are as follows:

Year Group	Time
Year 6	9 – 9.25am
Year 5	9.30 – 9.55am
Year 4	10 – 10.25am
Year 3	10.30 – 10.55am
Year 2	11 – 11.20am
Year 1	11.25 – 11.45am
Reception	11.50 – 12.10am

Where possible those in school may be able to join these calls however it may not always be possible.

You will notice that those in EYFS and KS1 have a slightly shorter time as younger children find it harder to concentrate online. In those Year groups with a later time; more time will be spent focusing on how children are finding the work and if they have any questions. Please start any learning before your call – you decide at what pace you child can access work.



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Keeping Teams safe

This is a new process for yourselves and staff and our key priority as a school is to ensure the children's safety, including their safety online. Therefore, we have put the following rules / procedures into place – please familiarise yourselves with these.

- Each session where possible two members of staff present however this may not always be possible.
- Your child should be supervised during the call by an adult at home who should be present in the same room (you do not need to sit right next to your child)
- Children should be in a communal family area such as the living room or kitchen – NOT a bedroom or bathroom
- Children should be appropriately dressed eg no pyjamas
- Please mute other devices such as TVs so the call is not interrupted by unnecessary sounds
- For safeguarding reasons, we ask that the video camera be enabled at the start of the session. We ask parents NOT to record Teams sessions. Teachers may end the call if anyone is seen recording the session.
- Please only use your child's email address for Teams – this is the only way they will be able to access the call.
- As with in school, we have a high standard of behaviour. Any inappropriate behaviour or comments from your child will mean they will be removed from the session – we know this won't be the case.
- To allow all pupils to have a chance to speak and be heard, the host (class teacher) will mute participants until it is their turn to speak.
- By joining the session, you and your child will be agreeing to the safety measures set out in this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday's calls.

Kind regards,



Mrs Smith



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