



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much for adapting so rapidly to the changes that have occurred and apologies if you are feeling bombarded with communications from us!

With a very different system of remote learning in place this time from the last lockdown we thought it would be useful to lay out expectations so that we are all aware of the processes.

This time around there is an expectation that all pupils will engage with and complete all work set on Seesaw daily.

To this end, we require two things from you:

- to be informed by you in the morning if for some reason your child is going to be unable to participate that day due to illness or some other such circumstance, similar to an absence notification.
- work to be uploaded to Seesaw by 10pm of that day (but as early as possible please to help our teachers).

If we do not hear from you you will receive an email from us requesting a response, and following on from that a phone call.

For Critical Worker children that attend school for part of the week, they will be expected to engage with the remote learning set on the days they do not attend.

The learning plans set by our teachers are incremental, the units building on one another, therefore it is vital that they are done in order and none missed. The Government expectation is that the learning provided closely matches our school curriculum and as such has been chosen carefully by teachers to fit in with our long term school planning and is suitable to be done in a home setting.

Many of our units particularly from Y2 onwards are based on Oak Academy online. This is because unlike some other resources the videos contain clear teaching from teachers and as such most closely replicate what would be done in the classroom. Another advantage is that once set up with the appropriate equipment, and with a little practice, children can listen and follow the instructions on the video rather than relying on parents/adults at home to facilitate the whole learning experience, which will hopefully ease your burden a little.

There will still be plenty of time in the day for fun, games, creativity and physical activity!

Another advantage of having these expectations clearly set out is to help you as parents. I am sure we have all come across children who are reluctant to participate in something that requires effort! It often helps if they know that it is **not optional**, that their teachers are **expecting them to do it**, as we are so keen for them to continue their learning journey at which they are so fantastic!

We will of course try to provide some encouragement and motivation from our end by our responses and comments to work uploaded on Seesaw. We will aim to do that by the end of the following school day.

Weekly plans will continue to be sent out via email as before. We are aware that some of you prefer to open links from a Word document and to see the spread of activities for the whole week.

Individual daily lessons will also be scheduled to appear on Seesaw by 8.45am that day. These may include links, explanations, worksheets, proformas and so on. Please note that there is **no** expectation for work to be printed out if you do not have access to a printer. There are many ways that activities can be done. If you have note books at home, or paper and a folder, work can be written on that, photographed and uploaded; or it can be done directly onto the worksheets on Seesaw using the drawing tool or text box option, or typed in the Note facility. Please experiment and find the way that suits you best.

If you are experiencing difficulty accessing any of our resources please contact us promptly so that we can assist you.

With heartfelt thanks for your continued support in helping us help your children.

Please keep in touch, keep positive and keep safe.

Kind regards, as always, Mrs Madin and Team