

Dear Parents

I hope you are well and staying safe,

The government has made it quite clear that it is very important to ensure your child's education can continue despite the current circumstances and as a school we are working very hard to support you and your children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support the children are receiving at this unprecedented time. Our school has always said Education is a partnership between home and school and this has never been tested more than over the past few weeks and also in the ones to come. We are amazed at the fantastic things you are doing with your children and as time goes on, I'm sure we will all improve our use of technology and also develop increasingly innovative ways of educating the children.

You will be aware that Seesaw is our preferred way of working with the children as it has many benefits such as

- it enables teachers to interact with the children's learning,
- more personalised activities can be set to the children's needs
- teachers can respond and comment on the children's work and help them with any misconceptions
- assess how the children are getting on and look at the best next steps in the children's learning

We are looking at ways we can support all children to use and access Seesaw and online learning, if you have any requirements please discuss these with us, as we may be able to help you with technical support, internet access or use of a device etc. We will be sending a survey next week to parents regarding this.

In addition to activities set on Seesaw we will also continue to provide packs for those children who would like them, and these can be collected from school along with any stationary requirements the children have.

We know that some families want us to provide extensive learning activities and others a more minimal amount. When we return to school, we would wish that all children have had the same basic entitlement, this will ensure that no child has fallen too far behind.

Therefore, going forward over the next few weeks we will provide:

- compulsory activities that we would expect all children to engage with
- additional activities that would be optional for children to complete
- where we can, learning will be by outcome so that the same task can be set for a range of age groups. This then reduces the need for families to worry about limited resources being spread across numerous children e.g. the same History podcast can be listened to by all KS2 children regardless of age or the same BBC bitesize lesson can be watched by all the family.

We wish to keep as many of the school routines going as possible to provide a level of familiarity to the children and I would like to explain how the children's learning will look over the next few weeks.

### **Registration**

The children will have a fun question set by their teacher to answer each day by 11am. This keeps a sense of community amongst the class and I'm sure the children will enjoy seeing the answers their friends are putting in. Any child not registering will be reminded by their teacher and if we have not heard from them for a few days then we will give parents a ring.

### **Lessons and activities that children would usually complete across a week**

- **Literacy: Reading a story twice a week.**
- **Weekly phonics activity**

-I will set an activity linked to Phase One Letters and Sounds.

- **Maths: a Number and a Shape, Space and Measure job**
- **Physical Development: Fine / Gross Motor skills activities**

#### **None compulsory**

- **(Personal, Social and Emotional Development) Circle Time / Speaking & Listening Activities**
  - **Arts & Crafts**
  - **Understanding the World**
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- **Each Monday these activities will be added to Seesaw –There are the work packs too and if you would like extra work packs these are available in school. Photos/work/videos can be uploaded to Seesaw – and then comments and messages can be sent back to your child by the teacher.**
  - **On a daily basis, a fun activity / suggestion will be added related to other aspects of Early Years curriculum. This will be linked to the Registration question as mentioned above and means contact between home and school can be maintained while we are away.**

**Anything you are doing at home is fantastic and again using the Seesaw app is a great way to let school know all the amazing things your child is doing at home**

The government has produced some useful advice please follow the link below to read this.  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

We understand how difficult the situation may be for families and are here to support you and your children. It is unknown how long this situation may last, but I want to reassure you that together we will do our best for the children. Together we will learn new skills and support each other to develop abilities we never knew we were capable of and as the quote from Winnie the Pooh written on school wall says

Promise me you'll always remember:  
You're braver than you believe, stronger  
than you seem, and smarter  
than you think.



If you need anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.  
With very best wishes.

Mrs Green