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Dear Parents,

Remote Learning update

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to ensuring your child can access the remote learning that is being offered to them whilst they cannot attend school. We have had lots of positive feedback and helpful suggestions on what is working well and what can be tweaked to be even better. Below is a summary of key points and frequently asked questions.

****Summary****

Year 1 and 2 live lessons

These are running well and we have had lots of positive feedback around how these sessions are supporting parents and children in understanding the tasks they need to complete and engaging children in learning. As with all things technical there has been some bugs that occur and we ask that you bear with the live teaching team as they deal with these.

The live lessons are focused on the core skills of phonics, (English in year 2) and maths. All other learning is set via tapestry and is topic based linking to a main theme.

Please remember that year 1 children should have an adult next to them supporting them with the live lesson and year 2 children should have an adult in the same room to ensure their child remains seated and focused throughout the lesson. All children should be wearing their school jumpers as this helps to create a learning mind set. Please do not let your children eat or drink during a live lesson as this means they are not focused on their learning.

Tapestry

As you are aware Tapestry have experienced some technical issues with the increased amount of demand on their servers. Hopefully they have sorted this out now. However, please be aware that there are certain times such as a Monday morning when Tapestry traffic is very heavy and you may experience difficulties viewing or uploading observations. The remote learning team post all information needed for learning at 6pm the night before, so that parents can view it at a time that suits them and hopefully avoids high traffic times in the day.

****Frequently asked questions****

Can school provide my child with a device?

There are lots of reports in the media around access to technology and data to support with remote learning that you may have seen. As an infant school, sadly we do not qualify for any of this support. Laptops and other devices are only available for children in year 3 and above. The iPads that we have in school are leased and not insured for children to use outside of the school building. We know that the majority of parents have managed to provide their child with a device for learning and we are grateful for your support with this.

Can I access Teams via a games console?

Yes if you own a playstation or xbox Teams can be accessed via these. There is a lot of information about this online - this is a useful youtube video on how to do this (please note I have never tried!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTQsXqdhmY>

Can I get free data for my mobile phone?

The new 'increasing data allowances on mobile phones' scheme is also only for children in year 3 and above.

When will live lessons start for reception?

At the moment we feel that the reception children are too young to engage in live lessons without a significant amount of support from parents. Should school closures continue beyond February half term we will be looking into social contact over Teams for reception children and will inform parents if this is able to take place.

Can school print out worksheets for my child?

Unfortunately we do not have the staff available to print and collate worksheet packs. As per our risk assessment we need to keep the number of people on the school site as limited which would prevent parents coming to school to collect packs. We have planned our remote learning so that you do not have to rely on worksheets and print outs.

Can I teach my child other things you have not set?

Of course! We want your home schooling experience to be positive. All we ask is that your child completes the work set by school first and uploads it into tapestry so we can see how they are progressing. If you are then able to supplement their learning with other experiences that would be very beneficial – in particular getting outside and being active.

There are a number of great websites and resources which are listed on our website.

https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/home_learning/457240

Can I get any reading books for my child?

We are providing reading at home via Bug Club which all children have a login for. We are not able to supply physical reading books for children not in school. There are also other online reading websites including Oxford Owl <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> and Oak Academy (the government funded remote learning website) have just launched a new virtual school library

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Can I get Microsoft Office at home?

Yes – through your child's welearn account you can access MS Office (word, powerpoint) etc. Go to office.com and log in with your child's email address and password. This will take you to a page where you can access the office software.

Please continue to communicate with us about remote learning. It is very important to use that we work together to provide the best experience for all children during these challenging circumstances.

Email any suggestions/comments to admin2326@welearn365.com

Further updated information about our remote learning response can be found at https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/covid-19_information_for_parents/510831

Kind regards

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