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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning During School Closures

Following the government announcement on 4th January that schools would close, we have been working hard to ensure that we are offering the provision to key workers, children with Education Health Care Plans and vulnerable children. We have appreciated your support as we organise and prepare for the weeks ahead, ensuring we are offering places to eligible children, while closely adhering to our safety measures in school.

How will we be supporting your child's welfare?

Yesterday, home learning for this week was sent out via text to allow children to begin their remote learning at home. We know that for many children this is very challenging and to support with any issues we have begun our welfare calls home which will take place on a rota basis. This will allow us to check on how your child is as well as finding out if you need anything to help. If you have any issues that you feel need more detailed assistance then our Parent Support Advisor (Claire Donnelly) will continue to help families and can be contacted through our school office. She supports our school each Wednesday and can offer advice and guidance.

How will we support your child's remote learning?

We will be sending our remote learning out each week for children who are not attending school. Also, for key worker children eligible to come in who may not be attending for 5 days each week, we want them to have a more structured approach to ensure they get the full access to their class work regardless of whether they are working at home or at school.

With this in mind, the home learning coming out from Monday will be in a daily timetable form which will provide tasks to be completed each day. This will be the same work that we are teaching in school as this ensures consistency.

This means that when school reopens (hopefully after February half term as the government have said) then the children completing home learning or working at school will all return at the same point in their studies having had a consistent approach. As we have had a very positive Autumn term, with no cases of Covid and relatively low absence, we want to continue the positive catch up that took place in your child's learning.

What will the remote learning look like from Monday?

It will be a weekly timetable texted out to parents which is subject focused with assigned tasks. This will also be uploaded to our website www.bournmoor.durham.sch.uk under the 'Curriculum' tab. This timetable provides a more structured, daily approach to learning which we hope will help to motivate and organise your child's learning each day.

This will include paper based and online learning to allow children to access a range of learning approaches. Please contact school if you require any resources so we can arrange a time for you to collect them safely from the office.

Year 5/6 will have a weekly timetable with structured tasks for each day and designated work that will be set on Teams. These tasks will be highlighted in yellow on the home learning sheet. Please note you can access teams on Xbox and Playstation or via the app on IOS and android as well as on a laptop, tablet or PC. If your child is unable to access Teams, home learning can be completed using the weekly timetabled tasks.

How will we receive feedback?

As always, your questions are appreciated and we have had some parents raise the issue of how we provide feedback and continue to motivate their children during another lockdown. We have to assume that this will be until February as stated this week but it may be longer.

Staff are going to provide the feedback through Tapestry for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3/4. Logins have already been given out and set up for Nursery to Year 1 and this allows feedback regarding pupils work or parent's comments. We have sent out letters to Year 2 and Year 3/4 parents to ask for emails and permission so we can set up their logins to allow feedback.

Year 5/6 will be accessing Teams so some assignments and feedback will be provided through this Microsoft programme.

What if I need log in details?

Log in details for Junior pupils for Mathletics, Times Tables Rockstars, SPAG.com, Maths.co.uk (and for Y5/6 Teams) will be posted out this week to ensure that all Junior pupils have a copy at home if needed.

Copies will be kept in school so you can contact the school office if needed.

For children who live between two parental homes we would appreciate the log ins being shared to ensure the children can access their work and again we can provide these details to both parents if needed.

What if we need additional resources?

As some home learning is paper based please telephone or email school if you require any resources so we can arrange a time for you to collect them safely or post them out if needed.

Your support during the last couple of days has been greatly appreciated as it has allowed us to deal with school closures which was announced only on Monday evening. Our aim is to work together with you through this lockdown to ensure that the education and welfare of pupils remains the key focus, until it is safe to open schools again.

Yours sincerely,

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