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Dear Parents and Carers

Week two of remote learning!

On behalf of the teachers I would like to thank you all for engaging so positively with learning through Google Classroom (GC). I recognise that organising and leading home-learning is not an easy thing at all; especially if you have more than one child. Your child will soon settle down into their routine. Please persevere and get in touch if needed.

We have so many children now using it, but sadly not every child in school. I have access to all classrooms and can see who is undertaking learning ... and who is not. Teachers and school leaders are monitoring pupil engagement in their learning. Parents and carers who are not working with school to enhance their child's learning will receive a telephone call to discuss this matter further. The government has made it quite clear that they expect all children to learn during this national lockdown.

It is lovely seeing so many parents taking photographs of children's learning where it is not appropriate for the child to submit the learning on the worksheet prepared. It is also lovely to see so many KS2 children uploading their own work. Please remind the children that there is an expectation that the standard of work is as good as that which they would have done if they had been in school, otherwise they will be instructed to re-do it.

As mentioned in previous letters, Google Classroom can be accessed on any tablet, smartphone, laptop, computer, Xbox and PlayStation. If you are still having difficulty accessing the platform, please email school Reception (details above).

Although school has provided paper packs of work for children if they cannot access Google Classroom, we would prefer everyone to use the online learning. Teachers provide videos, slide shows etc. on GC which the children do not have access to if only using the paper packs. Additionally, not having to come to school to collect the packs is another way of staying safe by not having to leave your home unnecessarily.



Google Classroom Meets

From today onwards, each teacher will be organising live video meetings with the children in their class. These will usually take place a minimum of three times per week. Teachers will post the links to the meeting on the GC home page.

It is so important that your child joins in with these video meetings as it is a valuable way of them keeping in touch with their teacher and their classmates – which is so important for their wellbeing and learning.

The meeting will last no more than 10 – 15 mins and is an opportunity for a quick catch-up and a chat.

So that everyone can stay safe on these video meets the following rules MUST be kept to:

1. All children to be in the presence of their parent or carer
2. All children and adults to be appropriately dressed in day wear – not sleep wear (pjs etc.) – which protects the modesty of all
3. No swearing or inappropriate language to be used by anyone
4. Place the device in a position which does not reveal any personal home accessories in the background that you do not want everyone else to see.

Recognising that in some homes, children may be sharing devices, the following timetable for the video meetings is in place. Individual teachers will inform you as to when the video meets will take place.

10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30
Y4	YR	YN	Y3	Y5	Y6	Y1	Y2
Miss Ferguson	Mrs Makin	Mrs Flynn	Miss Melia	Mrs Whittaker	Mrs Robinson	Miss Connor	Miss Osborne

I hope this additional information is helpful.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Jan Conley
Head Teacher