



Principal: Mrs C. Roberts



Monday 28th September, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure, like myself and the rest of the staff, you listen to the news with increasing trepidation about COVID-19 and the further restrictions imposed across our country. I just wanted to reassure all parents that at the moment we are not aware of any plans to close schools – in fact the guidance we have seems to suggest that primary schools will remain open wherever possible and for as long as possible so that children do not miss any more education. It is important then that we all continue to play our part in keeping everyone safe by wearing our masks properly (so that they cover both your mouth and your nose at the same time) and maintaining social distancing wherever and whenever possible. In school we have been grateful to all those parents who are sticking to the rules and doing their best to enable us to remain a safe place for you and your children, so a big thank you! Please, if you aren't wearing a mask, can you do so unless you have an exemption.

So far we have had quite a few children and some staff go for testing but thankfully all have been negative. Should we need to send individuals or indeed a whole class bubble home in the future then we would upload suitable Home Learning to either Seesaw or Tapestry for those children who are well enough to complete it each day. This has already been happening where children have been sent for testing. It is therefore vitally important that parents are up to speed and prepared regarding both Seesaw and Tapestry and check it regularly as this is our prime means of communication with all parents at this time. For Seesaw this is a good link to explain things further:
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=W9FyB1SCbeM>

Again, for Seesaw I would suggest having the Family app, with notifications activated, somewhere you can see it easily so maybe on your phone (so you don't miss anything!) and this then allows you to receive notifications for more than one child. Then if your child uses a pc/laptop or tablet/ipad to access their school work via their class app have that available on that particular device ready for when you need to access Home Learning activities such as ongoing spellings/homework or any activities due to self isolation. Sadly Seesaw does not have the facility to have multiple children across different classes in the school signed in at the same time so siblings sharing a device would need to login and log out individually, but this is a good IT skill to develop.

For Tapestry, it is easy to have this on your phone but it is a case of having to check this daily I am afraid! If your child was off school and activities assigned then you may want to access this via a different device eg ipad/tablet/pc/laptop in order to view the activities better or complete certain ones, though many are easy to quickly read on your phone and use this method to take photos or videos to upload to your child's Learning Journey.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the survey about how their child/children access our Home Learning which I issued ten days ago – I still have about 18 children where I have had no response as yet. Can I urge those parents to complete this please asap as we really do need to know if accessing this is going to cause any problems for any of our families should children be away from school. Along with this letter we are circulating further information to all parents about our full Home Learning offer so that you can be fully aware of what would happen in all circumstances and what support for learning at home you can expect for your child from the school. We will be adding this to our website for easy reference too.

Thank you again for all your support and understanding at this time,

Kind regards

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