

12th January 2021



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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

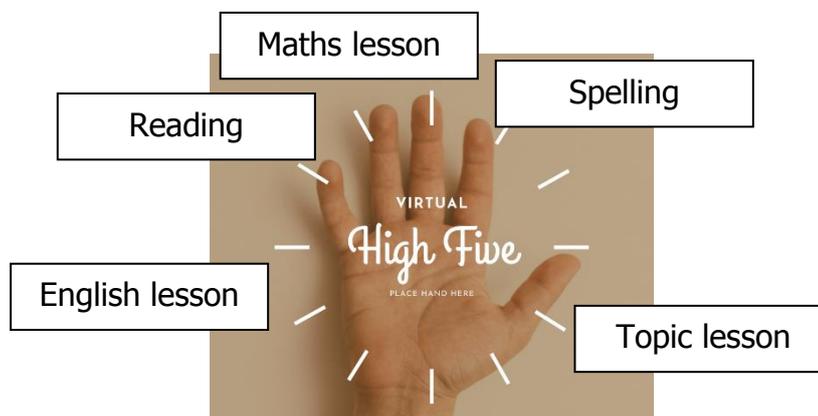
I would like to provide you with information about how we are changing the way that we are going to be setting the children their learning while they are at home.

We appreciate your patience as we move to a broader, online provision. We have been preparing this rapid, unexpected switch to online learning whilst managing the challenges of teaching pupils who are attending due to their vulnerable / critical worker status as well as setting work immediately for all pupils. Additionally, we have been managing significant staff absence and obtaining technical support at the same time as many, many other schools. Nevertheless, we expect to be ready for Monday's start date.

What we expect

As in all areas of school, primarily we expect the children to access the learning and try their best. There are 5 elements per day that children must complete, including 3 daily lessons that will be accessed either through Teams or the school Youtube site (if Teams is unavailable):

- 1 English lesson (2 grammar lessons, 2 writing lessons and 1 reading lesson)
- 1 Maths lesson (for some areas of Maths 2 different lessons will be supplied to cater for ability)
- 1 Topic lesson (linked to the children's learning project for this half term / Computing / Citizenship)
- 1 spelling activity
- 1 reading activity (based on the class text)



We will also supply additional Music, P.E. and Well-being activities for the children.

You will receive information in two ways: weekly learning summaries that will be emailed to you and available on the school website; directly in Teams through the communication streams and assignments (lessons) set. **We will provide you with login details for Teams separately.**

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How we will help

This Thursday and Friday, we will be delivering learning resources to every family whose children are not accessing school places. These will vary according to your child and their year group. For example, some pupils will receive Read, Write Inc. spelling books whilst other pupils who are at a different spelling level will not. Similarly, Power Maths books will be provided to some pupils whilst others will have resources on line for their learning.

A member of staff from your child's year group will be available to directly communicate about home learning or any other issue through Purple Mash / Teams. This is also how the children will receive feedback about their learning.

The school office will remain open for any additional queries. **Should you require access to technology, please contact us.**

Additional suggestions

- Plan your day, keep to a routine of learning and agree this with your child. For example:

9:00 – 9:30	9:30 – 10:30	10:30 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00	12:00 – 1:00	1:00 – 2:00	2:00 – 2:30	2:30 – 3:15
Spelling / Phonics	English lesson	Break	Maths	Lunch	Topic	Reading	P.E. activity

Don't put too much pressure on yourself – all we ask is that the children try their best. If anyone is becoming frustrated, it's always a good idea to take a break and start again or you can get in contact with us for support.

Celebrate the successes – positive praise is so much more powerful than negativity. Congratulate the children on what they have achieved and they will be encouraged to do more.

I am sure that there will be teething problems with this new system – this always seems to be inevitable when technology is involved! Please bear with us through any difficulty that you have and trust that we will always do our best to support every child.

With warmest wishes as always,

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