



Woodborough Wood's Foundation C of E (Aided) School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

ONLINE/REMOTE LEARNING – JANUARY 2021

First of all, can I thank you for the many messages of support we have received, thanking us for all we are trying to do at school.

We have had to organise a lot in a very short space of time and your understanding has helped to ease the pressure we have been under. Likewise, as a school we completely understand the difficulties you now face and I want to reassure you that we are here for you and want to support you in any way we can.

We are going to run our online learning in two phases:

Phase 1 – Wednesday 6 January to Friday 8 January 2021

All work will be provided online, via each class's online classroom (VLE). We have been using these since the beginning of the Autumn Term for homework, but in case you have forgotten/mislaidd the logon details, just go to the 'Classes' tab on the home page of the school's website, select your child's class and at the top of the class page you will find a document to download entitled Class* VLE Login Details (* denotes the class).

Phase 2 – Monday 11 January 2021 Onwards

Again, all work will be provided on the VLE, but we will be introducing 'live' lessons with your child's class teacher via Microsoft Teams. The current plan is to have a couple of lessons per week where this can happen, but it is all dependent on when your child's class teacher needs to be in school to supervise the children who are accessing this provision. As you can imagine the organisation of all this is quite complicated! This is why there has to be a mixture of independent and 'live' learning.

We will also be opening up the class email addresses, so you (or your child) can communicate with your child's class teacher. This is best done using your child's school email address – the one you received in the Autumn Term for the video parents' meeting.

Each week we will be checking that the children are engaging with their work. This might be done for instance via Purple Mash, or asking for a specific piece of work to be emailed into their teacher (photograph or document, depending on what they are working on), so their teacher can give them feedback on their work, as they would do in the classroom.

Each day there will be a piece of Maths, English and 'Topic' work (Computing, History, Geography, RE, Science, Music, Art etc.) to complete. Government guidance suggests that this should be around three hours a day on average for a primary school child – although this is also age dependent, as younger children don't have the ability to concentrate for longer periods like older children do.

We will try as much as we can to provide work that does not need to be printed off, although as you can appreciate, this might not always be possible. Your child should be able to look at the work online and then write their responses on a piece of paper, or you might like to provide an exercise book for them. It could become a lockdown diary of the work they have done!

We will publish information relevant to your child's class in their online classroom (VLE), such as when there will be 'live' lessons, so please keep your eye out for updates.

As a school, we are also very appreciative of the fact that if you have siblings, you might not have the necessary devices available to enable them to work at the same time. You might also have your own work commitments which means you may need to use a device too. With this in mind, all the work will be available on the VLE at 5.00pm the day before, so you can have sight of what your child(ren) are expected to do, so you can plan ahead a little bit.

I do hope you find this information useful and it helps you to plan how you will be able to facilitate learning at home. As mentioned earlier in the letter, we are always here for you at school so please get in touch if you have anything you would like to chat with us about.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Asplin
Acting Headteacher