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Dear Parents and Carers,



Remote Learning and Live lessons

Blended learning is changing the face of our traditional education system. Schools are now embedding and focusing on the 21st Century Framework. Our children will need strong digital skills for them to access the evolving workplace and the careers that they will be applying for in the future. Therefore, we will be using more digital devices and technology within our lessons and the classrooms to embed this knowledge and skills. It will also improve our ability to ensure all learners become global citizens.

During the current lockdown Exeter a learning community will be evolving the way in which remote/live learning opportunities are delivered. We will be constantly reviewing pupil engagement with and the effectiveness of our provision for all children in the interests of ensuring equitable and accessible education.

What is meant by remote learning?

The government currently requires that primary aged children are provided with a minimum of 3 hours of remote learning per day, averaged across the week. This may include some or all of the following:

- Live lessons;
- Pre-recorded videos by the class teacher;
- Content from high-quality curriculum resources (e.g. Oak National Academy, White Rose Maths, Ruth Miskin Phonics, BBC Bitesize etc);
- Opportunities for the completion of independent tasks set by the teacher with resources provided or linked;
- Tasks set on interactive platforms (such as Purple Mash, Timestable Rockstars) or using other suitable online resources;
- Feedback on tasks completed and submitted given individually or to the whole class using verbal or written feedback or to inform and adjust the next steps in learning.



Schools are also required to have clear systems in place for checking (at least weekly) whether pupils are engaging with their work and contacting parents where engagement is a concern. We are committed to providing a range of remote learning opportunities that can be accessed by all pupils in a way that allows parents and carers to manage the wide range of commitments they have at this time. This may include completing learning at a time that works best for their families rather than sticking to a rigid live timetable.

What might a live lesson include?

A live lesson may include some or all of the following:

- A live meeting or teaching session with a teacher or member of support staff via MS Teams.
 - This may include the whole class or a small group;
 - This may be a short (5 minutes) or last longer, usually to a maximum of 30 minutes
 - There may be multiple live sessions as part of a lesson;
 - It may include the sharing of a pre-recorded video, resource or PowerPoint (e.g. from White Rose or Oak Academy).
- A real-time conversation with the teacher or member of support staff via a TEAMS channel, or class email responding to a question or prompt set by the teacher;
- Time for pupils to complete activities, tasks or questions independently or on a learning platform and submit them for feedback to the teacher.

Safeguarding

Please ensure that you read the expectations sheet for parents and pupils – this gives further information to the consent that you have given for your child to access remote learning and ensures everyone is kept safe.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours Sincerely

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