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Parent Information Leaflet: Remote Learning and online learning for those in school

Introduction:

We would like to take this opportunity to provide everyone with the following information regarding the continued provision of teaching and learning for our children during this period of school closure for some children. As before, the education of our children will continue and all our staff are here to support you.

Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any further questions or if you have questions or queries at any time.

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EYFS

- Each day a short video will be sent out on Tapestry to introduce the day.

- For reception children there will be a phonics lesson to complete each day. Please ensure your child has a pencil and paper. The link will be sent on Tapestry.

- We will upload Maths activities daily on Tapestry. For EYFS Maths will often be linked to the Number blocks which can all be found on the BBC iPlayer.

- For pupils in EYFS there will also be other activities to complete and these will be loaded on to Tapestry.

- Online teaching or meeting via teams will take place at some point each week. Links to join will be sent via Tapestry. If your child is unable to join the meeting at that time then please don't worry.

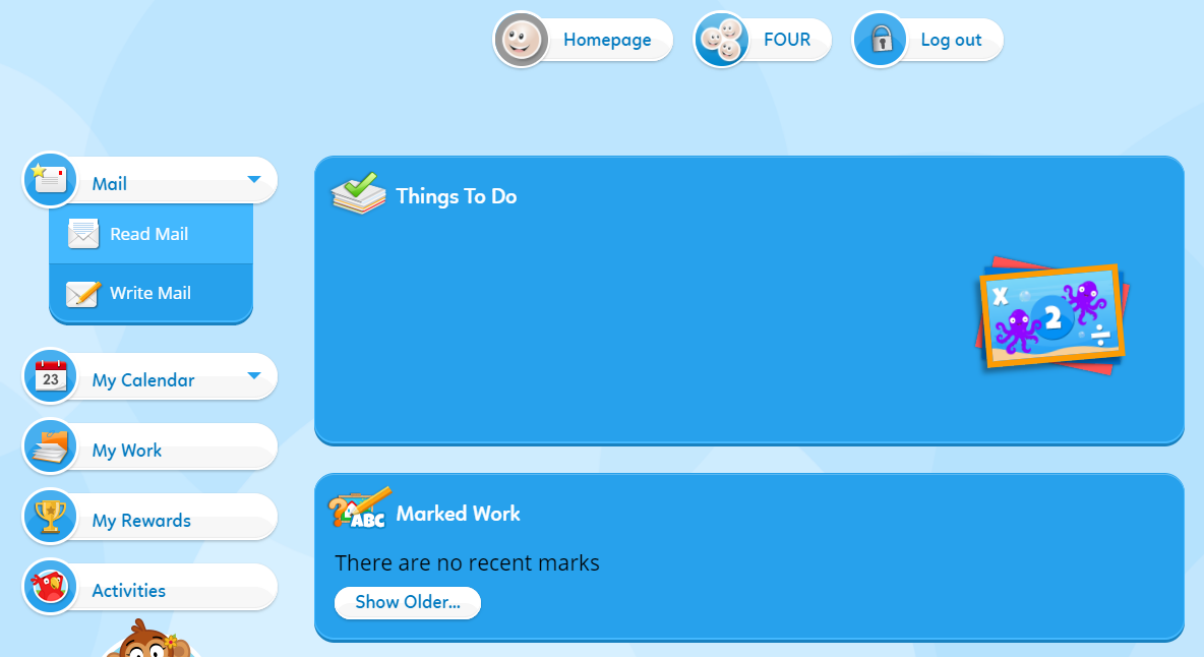
- Rising stars reading planet will be used to set reading books. Log in details have been sent. Please get in touch if you are struggling to log in.

- You will be able to contact Mrs Wilkinson during the school day via her usual school email address. Please do get in touch should you need any support with your child's learning during this time.

Years 2 to Year 6.

- Pupils will access their work using DB Primary. The site link and login details have already been provided. DB Primary can be accessed here (if you need a password reminder pls contact your child's class teacher).

- When your child logs on to DB primary they can see their tasks in their 'To do' section



- Every day staff will outline the day ahead and what learning activities that will be taking place. For most lessons, the children will need to return their work to their teacher. They may need your support to do this at the end of the day.
- Children will take part in four learning activities everyday which will include Maths, English and other curriculum work.
- There will be flexibility on completion times but children are still at school and all the work will have to be completed within a week of being set.
- There will be a mixture of live class meets, pre-recorded teaching and teaching using high quality videos and resources that are already available.
- Each lesson is likely to include an accompanying worksheet or activity. This will also be uploaded onto DB Primary.
- It will not be necessary for any work to be printed as all work can be written in a home-learning book which will be provided by school and some sheets have been pre-printed in preparation.
- Ongoing Pupil feedback on work will be provided using the DB Primary app.
- Pupils also have access to online reading books via their rising stars log in. Please ensure they keep reading daily.
- Staff will be available throughout the school day to respond to questions about children's work or any other queries/need for support. They will sometimes be in class with key worker/vulnerable children so pls allow some time to reply but they will always get back to you on the same day (if it is their normal working day).

Answering your questions (though do email if you have more)

Why a mixture of meetings, paper resources and recorded video lessons?
Following our online technology questionnaire, we know that the majority of families are sharing computers, ipads etc and we are unable to provide enough tech for each of our pupils. By providing a mixture of resources and lessons and video lessons, this gives children a chance to interact with the class teacher at times through the week and with others in the class, but it also means that if the child cannot access a lesson, another form of teaching will be available during the day, at a time convenient to your family.

What happens if my child can't make a live meeting?
That is fine. Work will still be set on DB Primary and they can meet us at another time. Everything should fall into place over the next week or so. There will be various pre-recorded resources that you can access at a time to suit you all.

How do we join a 'live meeting'?
We should be able to put a link to the meeting on to DB primary that will take the child to the meeting at the allotted time. Please bare with us if there are tech issues. We have timetabled timings as a staff to ensure that there is not a clash of schedules should devices be shared.

Are we not using Microsoft teams anymore?
We set KS2 children on teams but we found many of them still struggled with the functionality of this as it is not very user friendly. We have therefore moved to DB primary. Meetings will be on teams but they children shouldn't need to log into teams for this. The link will be enough. To stop staff having to check email, teams and DB primary all at once teams chat will be disabled. Emails and blogs etc… are all available via DB primary as the means to stay in touch with each other.

What happens if my child is stuck?
If you are able to help and support them then please do so. Children will make more progress with support but I appreciate it is difficult if you are also working. Children or parents can also contact the class teacher during the school day via DB Primary or email to ask for further support.

Will I need to print off work?
We will not give children any work that has to be printed (though you can print it if you have the means to do so).
How can my child hand in their work?
Pupils should upload their work to DB Primary – this can be done by taking a photo of the work or by attaching a document that they have done on the computer.

How will teachers give feedback to pupils?
The DB Primary site allows staff to give feedback on each piece of work that has been uploaded.

Does my child need to complete all the work that has been set?

The numeracy and literacy work must be completed as an absolute minimum though if it is not done on the same day as being set then we understand and each lesson will be given a week for completion. It is likely that our families are juggling having their children at home, along with working from home themselves. Work completed by the children will enable them to continue their learning whilst being at home. Staff will talk to children about the importance of trying to complete some learning tasks every day. If your child is struggling with the work, or is finding it difficult to do what they are being asked to do, please get in touch with us and we will try to help.

If work is not being completed then staff will be in touch via phone to discuss.

What are the children who are in school doing?
The same tasks/work. They will be looked after by staff who will support them to complete the work set by their teachers.