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Dear Parents/carers,

## Arrangements for Remote Learning

This letter is intended to outline the arrangements for remote learning at school. We are very much aware that every family's circumstances are different and have tried hard to create the best possible balance of lessons and activities to support the learning of children across the Madginford community.

Please be aware that due to the last-minute nature of the announcement of our move to remote learning, we are still receiving and working through the documentation and checklists needed to ensure that our online provision is fit for purpose and safe for children and staff alike.

### Live Lessons

#### Parental Permission & Home/School Agreements

It is very important that live lessons are well-organised with the structure and expectations clear to all involved. This will ensure lessons are safe and will support children's learning.

Before school-led livestreamed lessons can take place, we will need you to complete and return a permission form that will be sent to you on Monday. Along with this form, we would ask you to read and agree our home/school agreement for remote learning which will set out expectations for all those involved in livestreamed lessons.

Once we have received signed consent forms and had the opportunity to ensure all the necessary safeguarding provisions are in place, we will share more detail about the intended structure live lessons will take.

#### Junior Jam Specialist Teachers

Our specialist teachers will be providing livestreamed lessons for children in Y2 - Y6 on the afternoons listed below.

These will start as soon as we receive consent from parents (if you are a key worker and your child is attending school, you will still need to give your consent).

Monday PM	Tuesday PM	Wednesday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM
Y4	Y6	Y3	Y5	Y2

These teachers deliver music, computing and French lessons. To allow children to access the planned learning for computing, parents will need to download certain apps. We will share this information with you as soon as we receive it on Monday.

We appreciate and understand it might not be possible for children to access some of the lessons but feel it is important to offer children as wide a range of lessons as possible in the circumstances. The impact of these lessons will be monitored and the provision will be adapted if necessary.

#### Pre-recorded Lessons

Initially, we will be using pre-recorded lessons to support our delivery of the maths curriculum. These lessons are provided by White Rose maths who provide our maths schemes of work and are accompanied by activities and sheets that can be completed at home.

Teachers will also direct children to other pre-recorded lessons such as those available on the Oaks National Academy to support English learning.

We will monitor children's engagement with these lessons and adapt our provision should it be needed.

By the beginning of next week, we will gradually introduce lessons and activities that have been recorded by teachers at school. It is likely these will be used to support the development of learning in foundation subjects.

### **Independent Lessons**

Teachers will upload a number of independent learning tasks to Google Classroom. These activities could include comprehension, independent research, quizzes or practical activities.

Independent activities will also include activities set on Maths Shed and Spelling Shed. Teachers will also provide activities that will allow children to practise and develop their recall of times tables facts.

Teachers will also set daily reading tasks. Children will still be able to access Accelerated Reader at home and we look forward to seeing how many words they read over the next two weeks.

### **Feedback**

Teachers will provide feedback for learning via the private comments box in Google Classroom. Simple emojis may be used (e.g thumbs up = satisfactory; smiley face = very good) and comments will be written when children need to make corrections or improvements. We would ask parents to help children respond to these comments and make any suggested improvements to support children's learning.

Additional tasks will be provided for some children to allow them to practise elements of learning they find tricky. Tasks will also be provided to challenge children and extend their learning when needed.

Please be aware that on some days your child's teacher will be in school supporting key worker children. On these days, children's work will be monitored by teachers across the year group and may not be responded to as quickly as usual.

### **EYFS**

Our EYFS team use Tapestry to set learning for children. They will focus on early reading and make sure children have opportunities to practise their phonics and reading knowledge.

Additional information will be available on the EYFS Tapestry website.

### **Support**

Please keep in touch with your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or Tapestry if your child is in EYFS. They will be able to help you with issues such as forgotten passwords or difficulty accessing a task on Google Classroom and provide general support particularly if your child is struggling.

If you are unable to access the internet for any reason, please contact the school office. We will then be able to work with you to make sure you have the level of support needed.

### **Contact**

We appreciate that all families will face very different challenges over the next two weeks and understand that not all people will have the same level of access to the planned remote learning. Please keep in contact with the school as your feedback helps us to develop and improve our provision to make it as effective and efficient as possible.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Allen  
Assistant Head