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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

RE: Remote Education at Willow Lane School

Firstly, I want to say a big thank you to you all for supporting your children's learning during lockdown. I know both professionally and as a parent myself how challenging it can be to engage and teach your own children whilst juggling other pressures (siblings, family members' needs, lockdown restrictions, working at home etc). Many of you found our use of the Seesaw app videos both supportive with learning and engaging for your children and we enjoyed the interaction through the easy to use software.

We recognise that much of the lockdown learning was 'project' type activities and, as we look at new ways to support learning at home, there will be more of an emphasis on consolidating core year group skills. As it is impossible to know when remote education will be needed or how well those learning at home will feel, the learning will reinforce and embed core knowledge and skills rather than provide new learning which is best taught in a classroom. The school has invested significant time and funds on these approaches and the children have used their packs in school to become familiar with our approach. This letter is to give you details on should your child be at home self-isolating.

How will my child's learning be supported if their bubble has to close?

- These closures will have most impact on children as the whole class will be self-isolating for 14 days from when they last had contact with a positive case.
- Or school approach will be **blended** – it will mix online teaching and physical resources (books provided by school). This will allow all our children to carry on learning as different households have different access to technology and resources.
- All children have a **pack** of resources in their classrooms including maths and English books, paper, a pencil, a reading book and login sheets for Seesaw etc. Depending on the age and ability of the child, it may also include other resources eg phonics mats, number grids etc.
- Every day your child will be able to watch a Maths video, an English video and a Topic video on their **Seesaw** Account. These short videos will teach specific content, eg reinforcing the maths method needed, explaining words in a text or modelling how we handwrite, and explain the learning expected.
- The children's learning will link to the books provided or other links made clear on the Seesaw posting.



- Children will be able to take photos of their learning to share with their teacher.
- Class teachers, as long as they are feeling well enough, will be able to respond to your child's learning thus maintaining that vital relationship link which makes primary education successful.
- Children with SEND needs will receive differentiated learning and also have access to their online software packages such as **Nessy**.
- Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be able to access their **TTRockstars'** accounts.

How will my child's learning be supported if they have to self-isolate whilst awaiting a test in the household?

- Children are likely to be off for a much shorter amount of time and the class teacher will be continuing to teach the remainder of the class. Therefore, the approach in this situation is different.
- Should your child be well enough, they will be able to read their book, access online APPs purchased by the school and complete sessions on national websites.
- Children with SEND needs will receive differentiated learning and also have access to their online software packages such as **Nessy**.
- Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will be able to access their **TTRockstars'** accounts.
- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> Follow the links to the correct year group and interact with videos and complete online quizzes which consolidate core learning.
- Oak National Academy: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage> A sequenced plan of video lessons and resources for all year groups. Choose a subject, choose an area and follow the lesson sequence.

What if my child is off long term due to medical reasons?

- In these individual cases, teachers will ensure that children have sufficient physical resources to consolidate core learning as well as encourage families to access the above.

Thank you again for your ongoing support during these challenging times. We are very proud of how well all of our children have settled into their new class and walking around the school we see children excitedly engaged with their learning. We hope not to need to use our approaches to Remote Education but you will be aware of school closures both locally and nationally. In order to minimise the impact of any positive cases please remember to:

- Self-isolate as a household should anyone develop symptoms of COVID 19.
- Access a test as soon as possible.
- Inform the school of the outcomes of any test.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe,

Mel MacKinnon

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