

5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! What a worrying pickle the world is in at the moment. Thank you so much for all your support and lovely communications over the last 14 hours or so. They have been greatly appreciated and really helped to diffuse the stress of the situation.

As you will have had confirmed by now the school will be doing remote learning from today until February half term (if the Government agrees it all today, obviously!). Therefore, today will be a day of checking equipment and getting any IT issues sorted, then we will try to follow a more structured timetable from tomorrow onwards.

Every class has shared siblings in it, so if your children have access to only one piece of tech between them then we will have scheduling difficulties. Ideally, we would like the children to all have their own tech to work on, which would mean they would have access to their classteachers at all times, not just when they have access to the equipment. For example, if equipment is being shared then Class 1 cannot be doing a hangout at the same time as Class 2 or Class 3, whereas if each child has their own equipment, the classes can all be hanging out at the same time. **In light of this, please could you get in touch ASAP if your children have to share resources as it will help with timetabling hangout slots.**

From tomorrow we are going to be following a more formal structured day – this may well (probably will) be tweaked as the week goes on and we get technology issues out of the way. Please bear with us!

Class 1

9.00am – All children online for registration and setting up the work for the morning.

- The children will need at least a 15minute break in the morning and snack time, in school we will be having break at 10.20am and will be exercising as well.

- Lunch in school will be between 12 and 1pm and will involve exercise as well as eating!

1.00pm – All children online for registration and setting up the work for the afternoon.

- The children will need at least a 15 minute break in the afternoon. In school this will be at 2pm.

2.30pm – All children online for a round-up of the day.

Class 2

9.10am – All children online for registration and setting up the work for the morning.

- The children will need at least a 15 minute break in the morning and snack time, in school we will be having break at 10.20am and will be exercising as well.

- Lunch in school will be between 12 and 1pm and will involve exercise as well as eating!

1.10pm – All children online for registration and setting up the work for the afternoon.

2.50pm – All children online for a round-up of the day.

Class 3

9.20am – All children online for registration and setting up the work for the morning.

- The children will need at least a 15minute break in the morning and snack time, in school we will be having break at 10.20am and will be exercising as well.

- Lunch in school will be between 12 and 1pm and will involve exercise as well as eating!

1.20pm – All children online for registration and setting up the work for the afternoon.

3.10pm – All children online for a round-up of the day.

I would hope that when parents have advised us of equipment issues that we can get to a point where a lot more face-to-face hangouts can be arranged within the classes. This will help with confusion or help with tasks etc and also help the children to feel that they are still part of the class as a whole.

Obviously, if these timings don't work for you or you have clashes, then please don't worry about it. The work will be posted up on the google classrooms anyway for the children to complete. This work will be acknowledged and marked as soon as possible by classteachers. The Government have asked us to aim for at least 3 hours of teaching per day, following the curriculum that the children would have been working through in school. If you or your child have any issues with the work please get in touch ASAP as we wouldn't want any of the children to fall behind the rest of the class. As lessons will build on to each other it is important that the children all keep on top of the work daily. Again, if this causes issues, please get in touch ASAP.

I hope this is enough information for you for the time being. Please do let me know about your devices and whether they are able to be freed up within the home or not. No doubt I will be in touch again very soon!

Leonie