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Dear Families,

Welcome to Blended Remote Learning.

All children will be expected to engage in daily learning, completing work and submitting as required to their class teacher.

In order to conduct this learning we suggest every child sets up a comfortable, well-lit and resourced work station at home.

Our blended learning has been designed so that it can be completed with minimal technology, however ALL children will be expected to take part in some online learning and engage with their teachers. This is very important as this 'Lockdown' is VERY different from the last.

Blended Remote Learning Packs will be available for collection on Wednesday 6th January – it will be essential all families attend to collect their pack. For the older children these contain LOAN copies of the book required for English, Exercise books to complete work in and log in sheets for the digital platforms. EVERY FAMILY MUST COLLECT THIS PHYSICAL PACK IF POSSIBLE (and not self-isolating)! Times for collection have been sent out via Ping. PDF copies will be available to download on the website, however the first pack has lots of essentials for learning that we do recommend strongly are collected.

Please note for younger year groups who just use certain pages of their core English book the teachers will be uploading some scans, however parents are also invited to buy copies of the book via Amazon if they so wish as the children often love re-reading these magical stories as they grow to love and learn from them.

Your Blended Pack will be supported through technology – for those families who do not have access to technology school will be contacting those eligible and may be able to LOAN suitable equipment. Please be patient as we can only LOAN what we have and until things are delivered and positions made clear this may not be possible.

ALL children are expected to engage in daily learning – IF you are unable to facilitate this and your child begins to fall behind we would ask you contact us immediately so we can assess if your child's education is then a vulnerability and we can offer in school provision.

Through engagement with the Blended Remote Learning we are registering your child – if your child is unwell please let the office know – that way we will know they are NOT engaging due to sickness on that day. If we do not hear from parents and we do not have a check in from you or your child we will contact you in due course in order that we are safeguarding all the children under our care and speak directly with the children to understand why they are not completing their learning.

How will we check in with learning – and therefore school know my child is engaging and is safe and well?

- We will be using Google Classrooms (Years 1-6) – most days there will be a Google Meet in which your child will speak with or engage with their teacher. Please note this is new provision and will grow as everyone's confidence grows in using it.

- Early Years will be using 'Tapestry' to allow you to upload your own records of learning, share story videos – we have all sorts planned.
- Through forums – Google Classrooms allows for children to 'chat' and 'converse' with their teacher – this will be a fabulous written way of checking on engagement.
- *Assignments* will be 'Handed In' on Google Classroom – by children clicking 'hand in' to say they have completed a lesson we know they have engaged. This doesn't mean they always 'submit' physical evidence of work it is just a way of saying 'yes I did that PE lessons and I enjoyed it!'
- Submission of work – A wide variety of our platforms ask the children to submit work/complete lessons online (like MyMaths, *Assignments* on Google Classroom or Purple Mash), in completing this we can check off your child.
- The day adults pick up the next Blended Remote Learning Pack – on the day the pack is collected we will consider that a sign that your children are engaging and are safe and well.
- Submission of prior work at Pack collection times.
- Telephone calls – some children (and this will only be a few this time) will receive welfare check calls once- twice a week either from their teacher or the Inclusion Team.

The important thing to remember is that this period of lockdown is not an extension of school holidays and ALL children in the entire country are expected to be engaged in learning.

We understand that the use of new platforms such as Google Classrooms/Tapestry will always encounter early problems. Please do bear with us, as we will in turn with yourselves, as we learn together through this NEW way of working.

It will be now more important than ever that we work together to make sure that:

- Those that qualify for Pupil Premium are Registered for it – Waterfield will be issuing Supermarket Vouchers (even before the government has mandated this) for Pupil Premium Families who are unable to access their free school meal due to their child not being in school. Therefore, PLEASE apply for this if you think you qualify – the link is constantly sent in our Community News Updates.
- IF your child requires technology equipment to access the Blended Remote Learning please respond to all our enquiries. We will have equipment we are able to LOAN out (and expect returned in working order) in the coming weeks.
- For children with SEN or Specific Barriers to Learning – you have not been forgotten, although your Year Group's Blended Remote Learning Pack may not be fully differentiated to your child's needs Mrs Billington and Miss Watkins will be working to provide your child with additional learning resources and digital platforms to support them. Please allow a little time for this to occur as we are already working extremely hard with staff already working over the weekend and on their days off to launch the current provision. In the meantime all children who require it have access to personalised learning platforms like Nessy, Maths Seeds etc. the log ins for which will be included on your digital cards.
- Read through your first Blended Remote Learning Pack – it contains important information regarding timetabling, GOOGLE CLASSROOM SAFETY & BEHAVIOUR PROTOCOLS and an awful lot of information that in collecting we are assuming you have read, understand and agree to.
- IF your child is unable to access learning at home through circumstances such as you becoming a Critical Key Worker or through home circumstances becoming difficult, contact

school immediately – we may be able to offer in school provision depending on availability and circumstance review.

Finally, we know you will all be eager to know when school will re-open normally. As always, we will be in direct communication with you, so it is essential you have Ping, follow us on Twitter and make sure the office has all your correct details.

Please note the next BLENDED REMOTE LEARNING PACK COLLECTION DAY (times will be confirmed by Ping – do not contact the office) will be on Wednesday 13th January 2021. You will then have regular updates on each subsequent pack as to when to collect/download the next one.

Packs will always be available to download on the website, however will always appear a little later as this requires time after staff helping with the physical collection.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on logistics – please remember our top priorities are the safety and well-being of all and the education of our children.

Kid regards,

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