

Remote schooling

As this latest lockdown progresses into term 4 I wanted to share with you what you can expect from the school - outlining our expectations for all involved in the remote schooling.

I am sure you will appreciate this move to remote schooling has been a steep learning curve for all involved, not only for you but for the teachers too. In just 24hrs the teachers had to familiarise themselves with a new approach to teaching as well as overcoming the challenges of the technology involved. For you as parents, we fully understand the pressure of having to support your child at home whilst aiming to carry on with your own work. During this time the wellbeing of the staff and children remains paramount, so if things don't get done, for whatever reason, don't worry.

Aim

We will offer each class, daily live streamed, interactive learning via TEAMS. This will be supported by resources found on Purple Mash, Tapestry and Class dojo. The live learning is the closest we can get to what actually happens in the classroom for your child.

There will be times when we will rely upon Oak Academy lessons or BBC home learning when the member of staff is ill or attending training.

Promise to parents

- Daily, live streamed lessons – the curriculum offered will follow the midterm plans for the spring term.
- All lessons will be recorded and stored in files, so children can access the learning at any point. This will help when children need to check a method, or if they have been unable to attend the 'live' learning
- Supporting resources will be on Class Dojo, Purple Mash or Tapestry
- Morning teaching will follow a set format – early morning task, English and Maths
- Afternoon lessons will follow the broader curriculum
- A daily act of worship delivered by the class teacher, a member of the church or Mrs Orchard
- Teachers will provide feedback either during the lessons, using questioning to assess understanding, or later when marking work uploaded to Tapestry or Class Dojo. Not every item a child adds to Dojo will be marked
- We are happy to support you if you have any difficulty with the remote schooling offer
- Where possible the teachers will make use of break out rooms to support small group work

Request to parents

- Your child should be online for the normal school day. Register is at 9am and 1pm.
- Create a quiet work zone for your child each day – resources such as pens, pencils, paper etc. should be available
- Blur the background when your child is online and be aware the recording feature is on all day. Please mute the mike on your child's device.
- If, for whatever reason, your child is not online please inform the class teacher via Tapestry / Class Dojo or send an email to admin@broughtongifford.wilts.sch.uk
- We are obliged to inform the DfE daily re absence, so please do not be offended when we call to ask why your child is not online. Remote schooling is not optional.
- Support your child to access the learning each day
- Do not use the chat or interrupt teachers during the lesson. Send messages to the school mobile or email the office if you have queries / concerns.
- Critical worker children should only be in school when both parents are critical workers. The provision should not be used when there is a parent working from home. It is important we do all we can to reduce the risk of spreading Covid.

Expectation of the children

- Be online at the required times
- The same level of behaviour is expected throughout the day as would normally be displayed in the classroom.
- Presentation of your work must be the same standard expected in school
- Find a comfortable place to sit to listen to your teacher – you should not be moving away from the screen during lessons
- Chat boxes should not be used to message friends during the school day. This feature is for you to respond to the teacher
- Complete and return work daily, as requested by your teacher.
- Make sure your workspace has no distractions and you have the equipment ready each day
- Take breaks outside and work away from the screen at regular intervals

Accessing devices

- Contact the school if you need a device or support from the IT dept.
- A limited number of 90day SIM cards are available on request

Finally,

As I mentioned at the start this has been a steep learning curve for all of us to provide daily live learning. Please respect that not everything will run smoothly, there will be IT problems, staff not able to live teach, break out rooms failing, but be assured we will endeavour to resolve most issues as soon as possible. All we can expect is that parents make sure their children are doing their best each day.

The messages of support you have sent have been appreciated. I know having the teacher in front of the child has been seen as an improvement since the last lockdown, and being able to chat to friends has also been important for the children.

Any problems/ comments please contact me so I can support.

Kind regards
Pauline Orchard