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Dear Parents/Carers

DELIVERY OF REMOTE LEARNING, JANUARY 2021

From Monday 11 January our staff will begin to deliver Remote Learning. There will be two parts to this:

Core Tasks (updated every day)

Each day, the class teachers will post tasks, comprising Literacy, Numeracy (and a selection of other curricular areas such as RE, Outdoor Learning, PE, Art, Health and Wellbeing) on Microsoft Teams and on Learning Journals (P1/2). These are the **core** tasks, and we would ask that these are prioritised for completion by the children. We recommend that the children complete at least one Literacy and one Numeracy task each day from Monday to Thursday but appreciate that this may not always be possible. Parents and children can therefore decide when to do these tasks in a way which suits them best.

Home Learning Grid (11 January-29 January)

The first Home Learning Grid will be posted on the same platforms as above on Monday 11 January and will provide a range of other learning tasks which require children to apply core skills across a range of learning contexts. They are split into days of the week, again, families can choose when to complete.

Additional Information

- The City of Edinburgh Council have issued a Summary for Parents/Carers on Remote Learning. (Separate document, attached)
 - Children of Key Workers who will be attending school for some or all of the days during this period can bring their own portable digital device to school or bring a school iPad if this was provided. When a class teacher is in the school on hub rota, the online learning for the class will be overseen by the other teacher working at the same stage.
 - Please note that there is no expectation on the part of the City of Edinburgh Council that schools replicate the entirety of the school day remotely. Likewise, we have no expectation that parents/carers attempt to replicate the school day at home. We recognise that each family's situation is unique and that children and parents will need to complete tasks as and when suits them best.
 - Throughout the period of Remote Learning, teachers will provide feedback to learners on tasks set and maintain regular contact to support the children in their learning.
- Please note that any parent/carer wishing to communicate with the class teacher should do so via the school admin email, phone call or by completion of the weekly form.**

- In week commencing 11 January, teachers will trial live video check-ins with pupils. The purpose of these will be to check-in with the children regarding general learning and health and wellbeing. These are set for 9am and 1pm, however, we will try to provide the children with some flexibility as to the timing of these meetings. Class teachers will also use a combination of annotations, video clips, apps to support learning.
- P1 have communicated separate information directly to families regarding their approaches.

Nursery

The nursery will use Learning Journals to post updates and communicate with families. Play based tasks will be posted and updated regularly. Mrs Kelly will schedule a Teams meeting for nursery parents/carers, details will be issued on Monday 11 January. Mrs Rennie has uploaded some information to Learning Journals today. We will also invite nursery parents to collect some paper-based resources, if required.

Support for Learning

Mrs Mitchell has coordinated a variety of support materials for her pupils and will use Thinglinks to share with families and with class teachers. Pupil Support Assistants, when not supporting in the Hub may also help with 1:1 tasks. Mrs Spear, who has returned from maternity leave will also support Mrs Mitchell in the delivery of support for learning.

The above gives you a clearer idea of what to expect for the first three weeks but our staff will continue to explore ways of developing further the use of digital technology to support Remote Learning. The staff team have worked incredibly hard this week to prepare resources and materials to support our children - my thanks to them all.

Should anyone have difficulties accessing Microsoft Teams, please contact us via the school admin email or FORM. Please do not contact individual teachers directly, either via email or MS Teams

The school will only be open to Key Worker children with minimum staff in to support.

The reduced office hours are:

Mon-Thurs 08.30-10.30 and 13.00-15.00 and

Fri 08.30-10.30

If you were unable to collect iPads/learning packs this week, please phone the school office to arrange a suitable pick-up time.

There will a member of the school leadership team in school each day, Mon-Thurs, 08.30-15.30 and Fri, 08.30-12.30.

We all hope that the current closure does not continue for too long, and that we are able to welcome all the children back to school soon. In the meantime, we will keep in regular contact via Groupcall and the school website.

Thank you for your continuing support, stay safe and well at home.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Kelly
Head Teacher