

Shortlanesend School

Head of School: Mr C Wilson

Thursday 7th January

Online Learning

Dear Parent or Carer

The following is information regarding what our school will offer now we have entered lock-down following the government's decision broadcast on Monday 4th January.

What 'remote learning' can I expect from Shortlanesend School?

We aim to implement remote learning through the following:

- EYFS content will be delivered through Tapestry E-Classroom
- Class 2 5 content will be delivered through Google Classroom E-Classroom

Please ensure that you have a login for the above so you can access learning for your child/ren.

We understand from experience during the last academic year that access to IT equipment can be problematic for some of our families. Therefore, last term we offered a system where you could pre-book a chrome book for loan whilst your child is away from school due to virus related reasons. Many of you took up this offer and on Tuesday 5th January we issued a number of devices to families. These devices remain the property of the Trust and are a resource to support home learning. We do have a limited number of devices and are currently not in a position to loan out many more devices.

Already this week the staff at Shortlanesend have been interacting with the children in their classes through either Tapestry or Goggle Classroom. The response from children and parents has been positive. Please ensure your child logs on and takes part if they are at home.

Moving forward, staff will no longer being using the class pages on our website for uploading lessons, as has been happening since September, but utilising the flexibility and features of Tapestry and Google Classroom.

We understand the pressures of home-school, but we would suggest the following timetable for home learning:

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Maths	30-60 minutes	Google Classroom and Tapestry/Sum Dog/Numbots / TT Rockstars / White Rose Maths
English Writing	30-60 minutes	Activities set on google classroom
English Reading	30-60 minutes	Oxford Owl: Oxford Owl for School and Home Accelerated Reader – This can be accessed at home to cover independent quizzes from books the children read. Please check AR Book finder: Accelerated Reader Bookfinder UK & Ireland - Welcome (arbookfind.co.uk)
Topic	30-90 minutes	Activities and links will be sent through Google Classroom or Tapestry
PE	30 minutes	An activity of your choice which gets children moving.

- Maths will be uploaded to Google Classroom / Tapestry mirroring the maths being covered in the classroom. This may be a combination of White Rose maths (the scheme used to support lessons in school) and resources/worksheets used in the classroom. Answers will be provided for selfmarking at home. Input for lessons will be recorded and uploaded where required.
- **English** uploaded to Google Classroom / Tapestry following the sequence of learning happening in the classroom. The quantity will be dependent on age/year of your child. Some/all of these will be 'handed in' to your child's class teacher on Google Classroom for marking. English tasks will consist of Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar activities in line with the class timetable.
- Spelling and Grammar tasks will be set mainly through Sum Dog.
- **Phonics for EYFS and KS1** to work on the sounds your child will be missing. Staff will upload videos to support learning from home.

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- Video Support we will arrange at least one virtual meeting a week for the class either through TEAMS or another platform so that groups of children can meet with their teacher to discuss their learning and talk with their friends, so supporting their well-being.
- **Video Learning/Support** this will look different depending on the age of the children. This will be a short video session delivered by the class teacher*, as mentioned above.
- 1:1 support if your child receives 1:1 support, and they are isolating, a more bespoke programme of support will be set up. This may include phone calls with your child's teacher, teaching assistant or school SENDCo. They will usually be expected to still complete the learning set on google classroom, if suitable.
- **Feedback** will be bespoke to individuals where possible to identify any misconceptions and address these.

During the week attendance online and in school will be closely monitored and staff will phone children and families who they have had limited or no contact with to check on their welfare and discuss any barriers that may be preventing children accessing their learning. These will run alongside any general welfare calls the school makes.

As always, we are here to chat, advise and help as much as we can. We will work together with you in partnership to ensure that the children maintain their enthusiasm and interaction with their learning through the current challenging situation.

The staff and Aspire are constantly exploring the use of more apps and software to improve interaction and like all our planning, the use of technology remains fluid and liable to change, all with the goal of increasing the functionality of online learning.

Stay safe and well.

The staff of Shortlanesend School.

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^{*} the video learning sessions will not be facilitated by your child's class teacher if the teacher is the one experiencing Covid symptoms and the reason for the bubble closure. We know our parents will understand that the health and wellbeing of our children, families and staff is paramount.