



Friday 15th January 2021

Remote Learning Provision- Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and managing with the demands of remote learning. By now you will have been contacted by your child's class teacher and been reassured of the support available to you. If you have any problems or issues at any time though, please don't hesitate in contacting the school office or your child's class teacher via Class Dojo.

Home Learning

Our staff have now completed their training for Google Classroom and are very enthused about the potential uses of it for remote learning. Mr Davies (our computing lead) has put together a start-up guide to support the children when first logging on (please see attached) for now, this will only be key stage 2 children. Any problems, please contact the class teacher for support. **Login information will be sent via individual messages on Class dojo.**

As I explained in my previous letter, we will be evolving this carefully as the children's confidence allows. In our Key Stage 2 classes, our initial goal is to get all of the children logged into their individual year group 'Google Classroom' and make sure they are able to join a 'Google Meet' session (using the code in the class stream) for their online lessons.

Once we have done this, we will begin to explore the different apps with the children and give them a tour of the system to ensure they have a good understanding. As confidence and understanding grows we will begin to introduce all of the features. Online teaching for Key Stage 2 will be varied and reflect a mixture of their subjects. Live sessions will happen on a daily basis and it is an expectation that all children will attend regularly.

In Key stage 1, we have already begun live Phonic sessions on a daily basis and thank you for the high levels of regular attendance at these. These sessions will also start next week for our Reception children. We have decided to keep these on Zoom for the time being as we are mindful that many parents and children have only just begun to build confidence with this system. 'Class story' and 'Music with Mr H' will also continue as additional sessions on Zoom.

Alongside the live teaching, home learning grids and Purple Mash (for Key Stage 2 children) will continue to be used. Class Teachers will continue to update the class pages on our school website with information, learning activities and useful links however, these will move over to Google Classroom in time but we will let you know when is due to happen.

Reading Books

We still have a number of Reading book packs for individual children in our Reception area which have not yet been collected, please make arrangements for this to be done as soon as possible. Any difficulties with this then please contact us. It is vital that the children continue to read regularly.

Engagement with learning

During this lockdown, schools have been directed to focus much more closely on the engagement with learning and ensure all children are completing their daily 'statutory' number of hours which are as follows;

Key stage 1 = 3 hours (with slightly less for younger pupils)

Key stage 2 = 4 hours.

As you know, I have ensured that the class teachers are available during the day to follow up on any children who are not engaging. This will take the form of messages on Class Dojo followed by a phone call and where we have little or no contact will result in a 'garden gate' visit by staff as we have a duty of care to the children.

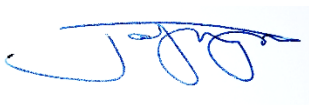
We appreciate that home learning is not easy and if you are having any problems or you are unsure of anything then please speak to us, **I assure you that our response will be supportive.**

Contact

Just to remind you that the school office is also open daily from **8.45 to 3.30pm**. Should you need to contact school then telephone (01736) 364868 or email secretary@heamoor.cornwall.sch.uk . Any queries related to the 'Critical Worker' provision, please continue to use the help@heamoor.cornwall.sch.uk address.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jodie Flynn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Jodie Flynn
Headteacher