



Thursday 7th January 2021

Remote Learning Provision

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a chance now to digest the very short notice announcement of the current lockdown and have managed to sort out your home situations in terms of childcare and home learning / home working.

Just to make you aware, I have asked the class teachers to contact each family over the next week to check in with the children and with you as parents to offer support if needed. We realise that every family will have very unique circumstances in terms of access to resources and technology and if you have any difficulties or need anything at all then please ask, there are lots of things we can provide and we will always do our best to help.

Home Learning

As you will be aware, we have launched our home learning grids this week and Purple Mash is also in use for Key Stage 2 children. Class Teachers will be regularly updating the class pages on our school website with information and useful links. Where appropriate, class teachers are also providing a 'daily timetable' for learning to support you with your organisation of home learning. This is also being used with our Critical Worker children who are completing their learning in school.

Reading Books

EYFS/KS1: Reading books from our Read Write Inc. scheme are now available for collection for our infant children, please see the letter sent out by our Reading Leader, Miss Cocks yesterday for further details.

KS2: As you know, our KS2 children use Accelerated Reader, and books (relevant to the children's ZPD range) will be available for collection from school from **Monday 11th Jan**. The children will also be able to continue to 'quiz' on their books from home, please see the separate letter sent out by our Reading Leader, Miss Cocks for further details.

Online Teaching

Last term, we were already in the process of setting up Google Classroom (in case of this lockdown scenario ironically) and staff are due to receive their training early next week. Once the training is in place we will begin to launch this platform with the children. This will allow us to start to introduce more opportunities for 'live' teaching sessions. In the meantime, staff will be utilising 'Zoom' sessions for class stories etc. and Mr H has also offered to continue with his music sessions. Further details will be sent out from individual Class Teachers.

With Google Classroom, our intention is to have at least one 'live' session each day which will be very important for our children in terms of their learning, the support we can offer them but also their mental health. This will evolve over the next few weeks and we appreciate it if you would bear with us as we get this up and running. The learning grids will remain in place in addition to this.

Class Dojo

We continue to have Class Dojo in place and we have been delighted to be able to extend this facility to our Red Class parents also and appreciate you all signing up so quickly. This system offers parents direct access to Class Teachers who are available during school hours if you have any queries or issues with any of the home learning. We also welcome photos of the children's learning activities which allow us to celebrate the children's successes on our website.

Support

We completely understand that home learning can be problematic for many families however, we do need you to encourage the children to engage with their learning as much as possible. I have asked the teaching staff to monitor the engagement of the children in their learning very carefully during this period of lockdown and the way that we have organised our staffing allows them time to give feedback to children and follow up with families and offer support where needed. I cannot reiterate it enough, if you need anything, please ask us for help.

Contact

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. However, if you have a query related to the 'Critical Worker' provision, please continue to use the help@heamoor.cornwall.sch.uk address.

This has been a very interesting week for us (as I am sure it has been for all of you also) with lots of reorganisation with very little notice but I appreciate your patience and support whilst this has been done.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Jodie Flynn
Headteacher