Suckley School

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Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you regarding remote learning if the need arises for your children to learn at home again, e.g. due to self-isolation or a national lockdown.

We understand that each family's circumstances and their access to learning material for their children differs, and the responsibility to provide educational support at home can be difficult for families. It was difficult on many levels. A home is not a classroom, parents are not teachers, some parents needed to continue working, IT equipment was in high demand in some households and the children themselves were given very little time to adjust to the changes. Teachers were also home-schooling their own children and then planning for and teaching the key worker children whilst providing work for those still home learning.

We all know, however, it is important that pupils remain engaged in education, even when they are not attending the school site. There is no easy answer that will be right for everyone. We would like you to support us in encouraging pupils to access home learning to ensure they are not missing out on vital education.

I would like to thank you for your valuable comments made in our parent survey, in relation to our previous remote learning. As I'm sure you can imagine, the responses varied hugely, however there were common trends which we have addressed. We have amalgamated our online provision into one portal.

Wrens will be using Tapestry for our online learning portal. You will receive login details for Tapestry shortly. We will message you each morning through Tapestry, with details of what the planned activities are for that day. When they are completed you will be able to message us, again through Tapestry and send photos and videos of your children engaged in their learning and send photos of any finished learning. We will be able to respond as and when the children finish any learning and respond with next steps for them. This will enable the communication and assessment between the children and their teacher to be greater. We will also ensure the work matches the need of your child, either by extending them or providing additional support where needed.

There will be a daily Maths, English and phonics task. This might include a new sound or be consolidating phonemes previously taught and will include blending for reading and segmenting for writing tasks.
In addition, there will be a selection of optional activities each week that the children can select activities from linked to our Topic. Additional curriculum resources, including videos, will be added to the Tapestry to support any teaching and learning needs.

If a whole bubble is self-isolating we will also provide Tapestry learning for your children in the same way.

To ensure the children continue to receive a high-quality education outside of school, we will continue to monitor their engagement with remote learning in line with our Pupil Remote Learning Policy which can be found on our school website.

Please remember other activities that you complete with your children are also invaluable. We loved hearing about the achievements the children made during the previous lockdown: learning to ride a bike, woodwork skills, growing cucumbers, exploring the countryside, making cups of tea, learning Spanish, writing a diary- to name but a few!

Thank you once again for your ongoing support should we need to provide remote education for your child. If, for any reason, you or your child experience difficulties with any remote learning arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via email to discuss any alternative arrangements. I would once again like to thank you for your continued cooperation and for working with the school to support your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Field