

Wombwell Park Street Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Home Learning during Lockdown

As we face another school closure, the Park Street team have been working hard to ensure that children have the best possible opportunities to learn during this lockdown. After the first lockdown, we were faced with having to support children with 'catching up' their missed learning and our pupils have worked their socks off last term and made incredible progress – we are a very proud team! We are determined to ensure that children miss as fewer learning opportunities as possible during this lockdown. With this in mind, it is important that any child not in school (as a key worker child or a child deemed to be vulnerable) are completing all learning set on Seesaw. It is also essential that when key worker and vulnerable children are not in school, they continue their learning on Seesaw so that they do not miss any learning that has been set.

If any parents or children have concerns over online learning, they should first contact the child's class teacher. If there are further concerns, Mr A Fidment is our named senior leader with responsibility for home learning and will be happy to help.

Seesaw

Our main method of supporting home learning will be using the online learning platform of Seesaw. Staff will be setting learning on Seesaw each day. There is an expectation that all learning set on Seesaw will be completed. Staff will be monitoring learning, marking any completed learning and offering support to children who have not achieved the learning objective. The learning set on Seesaw will replicate the learning that will take place in classes as closely as possible.

Zoom

From Monday 11th January, each class will be hosting a Zoom meeting. In this meeting, class teachers will address the learning that has been set on Seesaw, check in with pupils and answer any questions that the children have. To ensure that all pupils can attend, times have been set up for these meeting so that there are no siblings meeting at the same time. Class teachers will post the zoom meeting on the children's Seesaw account. Class Zoom meetings will be at the following times:

Class	Time
Team WP - Reception	9.30 – 9.45
Team CC – Reception / 1	9.15 – 9.30
Team CH – Year 1	9.45 – 10.15
Team CT – Year 2	10.45 – 11.15
Team AC – Year 2 / 3	11.15 – 11.45
Team GG – Year 3	10.45 – 11.15
Team JF – Year 4	10.15 – 10.45
Team JD – Year 4	9.00 – 9.30
Team AF – Year 5	10.15 – 10.45
Team LG – Year 5	9.45 – 10.15
Team LL – Year 6	11.45 – 12.15

As always, safeguarding remains a priority for Park Street. Please ensure that the following guidelines are followed when your child is on Zoom:

- pupils are appropriately dressed
- pupils are positioned in a place where parents can see the meeting
- pupils understand there will be a high expectation of behaviour
- the chat facility is only used when staff members request it is used
- children have a blank background with no photographs in it.

In school staff will ensure that children / families at home do not see the children who are in class. This is to further protect any looked after or extremely vulnerable children that we might have in school.

Attendance

During the current lockdown, parents are expected to follow the same attendance procedures that they normally would. If your child is not able to complete learning or the Zoom call on that day, due to illness, you must contact the school office and inform them of this. This information will then be passed onto the class teacher.

It is important to note that a similar approach to remote learning (Zoom calls) has been adopted during Team AF and Team GG's previous bubble closures and feedback from parents in both of these bubbles has been very positive. Many claimed that the daily check in with their teacher helped raised expectation that work at home must be completed, allowed for questions about work to be asked and also maintained the teacher / child relationship. We are sure that over time, as you as parents provide us with feedback and we find further efficient ways for remote learning, arrangements may change slightly. However, we feel this plan will provide us with a strong start to maintaining and continuing teaching and learning.

You will notice that the Zoom timetable does not include Nursery. This is because the school will be open (form Monday 11th January) for all Nursery children.

We cannot wait to have all of our lovely pupils back in their classrooms – staff are missing them greatly. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing their smiling faces on Zoom from tomorrow!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Lawson Mr A Fidment

Headteacher Home Learning Lead