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Dear Parents/Carers,

Arrangements for Home Learning from 6th Jan 2021

We understand remaining at home at this time, for provision of learning for your child, is not the situation anyone wants to be in. We understand the time and effort home schooling demands of you, especially with younger children, particularly difficult if you are also working. We do also appreciate the impact of lockdown previously on children's wellbeing in some cases. Your part in supporting your child is essential to ensuring they remain positive and on top of their learning as far as practically possible. The home-school relationship has never been more important to your child's success and we will work with you to ensure this runs as smoothly as possible. Setting up a routine straight away will be important, as well as rest breaks. Completion of learning will be closely monitored and feedback will be provided. If your child is unwell, please let the office know by email, as we will be following up on uncompleted activities. Please follow the activities set rather than providing alternatives, as these have been carefully planned by your child's teacher to build on previous learning in line with the planned objectives.

Teachers have spent today adapting the lessons for both home learning and onsite delivery in school by themselves and other teachers/TAs. This has required great teamwork and co-operation, and I would like to thank all staff including the support staff for the role they played today in ensuring everything is ready for tomorrow. It has been a mammoth task at very short notice. We have also had several new children start school with us, some of whom won't actually be able to start properly with us until after half-term! I would like to extend a warm welcome to Zack and Louie who started in Oak class yesterday.

From 8:45am 6th January, you will find your child's work posted on SeeSaw if they are in Oak, Maple or Elder class and Tapestry if they are in Acorn class. Overviews for the week will be sent to you by email. For children in Acorn class there will also be a physical pack for you to collect **Wednesday between 9:10am and 9:30am or between 1:30-2:00pm**. Oak class also have a pack to accompany the online learning available to collect at the above times. If it is dry these will be placed just outside the main entrance.

Please ensure you read our Home Learning Policy available on our website (also attached with this email for convenience), to ensure you are fully aware of how this will operate and expectations. It is important to be clear about what times teachers are available should you or your child have any questions. Please bear in mind that whilst your child's teacher is supporting children onsite, they are not available to monitor or feedback on home learning. At these, the online platforms will be monitored by another teacher/TA. Most children are familiar with SeeSaw and have found this straightforward to use and have enjoyed sharing their work in this way, for Oak children this will be relatively new. Your child should have all the log in details required. If you have any questions, please email the office (not the





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teacher directly) and these will be passed on for you.

We will be increasing the use of short teaching videos when introducing new concepts and will be in touch with details of opportunities for your child to meet with others in the class and their teacher using googlemeet. We will continue with Super Learning Hero/Headteacher Awards (but not housepoints during lockdown). These will be presented during Celebration Assemblies, which will be recorded in classrooms and uploaded via YouTube for your child to watch at home.

Belongings at School

- If your child has left any belongings at school, these will be available for collection from school on **Friday between 9:30am and 10:30am and 1-2pm**. If the weather is fine these will be placed outside in the entrance area.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we believe WSCC/Chartwells will be providing hampers to collect from school on a given day/time. We are awaiting further details and will communicate these as soon as we have them.

Communication

- This should be via the school office email for any queries.
- We will continue to provide updates by text/email/Teachers2Parents and newsletters.
- Vulnerable and SEND pupils remaining at home will receive a weekly call from Mrs Mullineux/Mrs Hopkins or myself to check in with you and your child and discuss progress and participation.
- If a meeting is required with a teacher or myself, this can be booked via the office and will take the form of either a phone call or googlemeet (as we used for parent-teacher consultations).

We look forward to seeing what the children are learning on Tapestry/SeeSaw and wish you all the very best of health during these times.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sam Norton
Headteacher

