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Remote Learning

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire Myton Park team to say a massive thank you for your work supporting home learning. You are doing an amazing job! Today I am sharing with you information about Myton Park's remote learning offer. This is in the form of an information booklet, based on criteria issued by the Department for Education.

We have worked hard to refine our previous remote learning offer in these last two weeks and will continue to do so. Everything we are putting into place is driven by current research, ensuring effective teaching and learning is at our core. You will see that we are using a range of strategies, from accessing White Rose Maths and Oak National Academy videos, teachers and teaching assistants making and uploading instructional videos, uploading tasks to support learning, providing physical resources for home where appropriate and even maintaining reading for pleasure with daily story time.

The expectations for learning are very different in this lockdown compared to the first. Our remote curriculum is sequential and replicates learning that would have been taught in school. This enables us to build on children's prior learning whether they are in school or learning at home. For this reason, it is very important that your child accesses their learning every day, as each day will build upon the previous one.

However, I am very aware of the pressures that working from home and home schooling brings. It is for that reason we are not stipulating times at which work must be uploaded, all we ask is that it is uploaded daily. Your feedback from the previous lockdown was that you would like the work the night before so you could plan your day accordingly. We listened and actioned this immediately for this lockdown. Feedback will be provided on all work that is submitted, where work is submitted after 4:00pm, feedback will be provided the next day. All staff are currently supporting children accessing both school provision and remote education.

Through research, we believe that providing instructional videos that your child can re-watch will effectively support learning. That said, there are many benefits to peer support, we are currently in the process of setting up classes in Microsoft Teams so we can bring classes together. This is taking some logistical planning to ensure where there are siblings at home the sessions do not clash and that we have all of the correct equipment in place. Each class will be timetabled two sessions each week, these will be the only occasions within the week when we will need to stipulate times. We are also aware that younger children will need more adult support in order to access this. We would love to see you children in both sessions, however, if you are struggling with other commitments please aim for your child to attend at least one. We will be issuing children with email address and logins to access the sessions. Please be assured, the use of emails is heavily monitored by school

staff with the support of OneIT, any misuse of this facility will be robustly addressed. Once we are ready to go live, we will be in touch again with the timetable and guidance for how to access Teams.

Within the document you will see the expectations around the length of time children should access learning each day. For KS1 it is 3 hours and for KS2 it is 4 hours, it will be less than this for our younger children in Early Years. This has been further broken down so you can see the length of time your child should be spending on each subject area. For example, maths is 1 hour, this includes both teacher instruction and time to complete the task. If you find the work set is taking much longer than this to complete, please raise this with your child's teacher during your weekly phone call. Whilst we are planning the work, we are not at home completing it and would welcome your feedback so we can continue to refine our offer.

We are very aware that remote learning does mean a lot of screen time, you will see from our information booklet that we recommend children take regular screen breaks throughout the day and factor in some movement/exercise. In addition, every three weeks we are planning a 'Screen Time Circuit Breaker' for children whether in school or learning from home. This will be a whole day where all activities can be completed without the use of screens and technology. The first of these will be Monday 25th January 2021, your child's class teacher will upload details of this to Seesaw. Please take photos/videos ready to share the following day as we would love to see the children enjoying these activities.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support during this time, it has been lovely to read your positive comments on the text system. Your children are at the heart of all that we do at Myton Park and we will continue to develop and evolve our provision. If you have any queries please raise them with class teachers in the first instance, during weekly calls. If you do have any other questions I am also available, please contact me via the main office.

Yours sincerely

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