



Remote Learning – January 2021

A Guide for Parents

The majority of our children will be learning from home at the start of term.

As a school, we have a remote education plan which we have implemented for some year groups last term (when bubbles were closed) and now for the majority of pupils. We hope this guide to our plan will be useful for you.

Day 1 – Phone calls Home and Remote Learning

Phone calls home

On the first day of remote learning, a member of staff from school will call you. We want to make sure that you have received the information from school and that you are all set up for this period of remote learning. We'll check whether you are able to access the live sessions and whether you have the resources you need. We will work with you to come to a solution for any challenges.

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Day 2 onwards – Live sessions and Remote Learning

Live Sessions

Children in Nursery will not have any live sessions but we will be sharing some activities and videos through DB Primary.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have two live sessions each day, and children in Years 3 – 6 will have three live sessions each day. The live sessions will be a mix of subjects. Some of the sessions will be a chance to speak with the children, some will be taught 'lessons', and others will be providing feedback on work completed or sharing stories etc. Information about how to access the live sessions through Microsoft Teams has been sent to you through SchoolPing.

The schedule for the live sessions is as follows. The length of the session will vary according to the type of session and what is being taught. The start times for each session are shown below. We have staggered these as much as we can to support households with more than one child.

	Reception	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
9.00am	✓		✓	
10.00am		✓		✓
11.00am			✓	
12.00pm				✓
1.00pm	✓		✓	
2.00pm		✓		✓

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In addition to the live lessons and specific activities on DB Primary, children should continue with all these activities as part of their weekly activities:

Physical Exercise	This is really important! We know that exercise is good for physical and mental health. At school, children would have PE lessons, but would also be very active at playtimes, lunchtimes and other times during the day. A brisk walk, run around the park, or a Joe Wicks workout each day might do the trick!
Numbots / Time Tables Rockstars	Your child will have a log in to these (Numbots for younger children, TTRS for older children). User name and log in might be stuck into reading records. At least 10-15 minutes a day is ideal!
Reading	The MOST important activity of all. Reading independently, reading with an adult and listening to others read are all super-important. If you have run out of books at home, please use online reading materials such as Oxford Owl.

Your child's teachers may ask for some pieces of work to be 'handed in'. At other times, staff may work through the activities with your child online. Teachers may give individual feedback for some pieces of work, and for others they may give feedback to the class during live sessions.

Communication

We'll be keeping a close eye on our year group emails during the next couple of weeks and we will aim to respond as quickly as possible. This is the best way to communicate with staff during the next two weeks.

We'll keep a note of which children we're having contact with each day. We'll always try and contact you if we haven't had any communication for a while.

If at first we don't succeed, we'll try and try again!

Please be patient with us. We have worked hard over the last few months to prepare for this eventuality but inevitably it may take a day or two to settle into the routine of remote learning. Please be supportive of our staff members who are all working exceptionally hard to provide remote learning for the majority of pupils and on-site learning for our vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

We know that using new technologies can be fraught with pitfalls – especially with so many schools accessing the same technology at the same times - we will all have to be patient, flexible and creative!