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PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THIS LETTER!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to welcome children back to Richmond Park School in September. However, there is the possibility that individual children, a class bubble, or the whole school, will need to self-isolate for 14 days if they are in direct contact with anyone who tests positive for the virus. Therefore, we have put a plan in place for remote learning so that all children can continue with their education, even if they're at home.



If we end up in a position where children are learning remotely, the first two days will be given to teachers to prepare resources and digital activities for your children. Despite not having direct access to their teachers during these two days, children will still be able to access a wide range of learning resources from home (see 'Initial Two-Day Plan' section below). Thereafter, a structured timetable will be in place for each year group, which will include direct access to their class teachers through regular activities and live lessons via Microsoft Teams. Your children will be supported through a range of online tools, including HWB, Flipgrid, J2Launch, Office 365, NearPod, Epic and Sumdog. In addition to this, Years 3-6 will use Google Classroom to access their resources, as well as maintain contact with class teachers via email, Speakr and/or the Google Stream tool.

We have used this half term to teach children how to confidently access and use these tools, but we also have a range of 'how to' videos available on our 'Remote Learning' website page to support parents with this at home. Our P.E.A.S calendar for this year includes a range of online workshops to teach parents how to use these tools, so we encourage you to sign up for these workshops if you require support and information.

Initial Two-Day Plan:

An initial plan for the first two days of remote learning will be published on our 'Remote Learning' website page, which you can find across the top of the site as one of the main tabs. On this page, you'll find a wide range of support materials for you and your children. This two-day plan will allow staff time to plan remote learning activities for their children in line with their current curriculum learning. It will provide learning across the curriculum and children will be expected to spend a similar amount of time completing this as they would spend learning in school (please refer to our home/school agreement).

The Two-Day Plan will include:

- Maths: In BBC Bitesize, children can select the year group they are in, select 'Maths' and then select a lesson to complete. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>
- Reading: Children can read from their own reading book, or read from a range of thousands of e-books in their Epic online reading accounts on <https://www.getepic.com/>. Teachers may have also allocated specific books for your children to read in their digital reading account.
- Writing: Children can complete the reading and writing tasks for the picture of the day on Pobble <https://www.pobble365.com/>. Older children should be able to access this independently, but parents can support younger children by following the prompts on the page.
- Phonics (Nursery, Reception and Y1): Children can practice their phonics by playing a range of games on <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>.
- PE: Children can choose from a wide selection of fun workouts to do by visiting <https://happiful.com/10-virtual-pe-lessons-your-kids-will-love/>



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- Everything else: Children can select from a range of other subjects on BBC Bitesize, including Science, History and Geography, by visiting <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-termsttopics>. Just select their year group, a subject and then a lesson to complete.

Remote Learning Timetables:

After these first two days, the attached timetables will take effect and children will receive regular contact with their class teachers via live lessons on Microsoft Teams, which children can access through Office 365 in their HWB accounts, or by downloading the app and logging in with their HWB details. Where live lessons aren't available, recorded video clips may be available to support the teaching of key skills, as well as a range of activities to be completed. All children will be expected to follow their class timetables. We will be taking a register of children who attend the live lessons, as well as keep a register of all work completed/submitted. If it is the class teacher who is unwell, there may be some differences with this provision.

The class timetables will include a range of curriculum lessons such as English and Maths, as well as continue to focus on the topics the children are learning in class. Children will be invited to join a reflection session at the end of each day via Microsoft Teams, where they can reflect on their daily learning, listen to a class story, etc. We will even host an online celebration assembly at the end of the day on Friday's, where children from all classes will be able to join in at the same time (whether they're at home or in school).

Feedback will be given to your children in a range of forms and dependent on the task, e.g. written online feedback, a Flipgrid video, oral feedback during the live lessons or reflection times, etc. If your child has additional learning needs and receives specific learning interventions and support, we will aim to continue this provision in an adapted form online where possible.

IMPORTANT: If your child does not have access to a computer/laptop and/or the internet, we kindly ask parents to make the school aware immediately of any barriers to accessing remote learning and we will support you wherever possible with this. This could even be as a result of clashes on the timetables where you only have one device to share between more than one child to access a live lesson or online tools at the same time. Please don't wait until we're in a lockdown situation to make us aware of these potential issues!

As with lockdown, the main method of communication between the home and teachers will be ClassDojo. ClassDojo is a free tool that will allow you to message your children's class teachers directly with any questions or if you need support. If you haven't registered for ClassDojo yet, please contact the school office and we will be happy to provide you with your personalised access details or send a letter home with your log-in details.

We cannot predict what the coming weeks and months will bring, but please rest assured that the staff at Richmond Park School will do everything possible to support you and your children!

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact us if you'd like any further information!

Kind regards,

Mr D Cooper
(Deputy Headteacher)