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HOME LEARNING (also known as REMOTE LEARNING) UPDATE:

Please don't worry! We are taking small, careful steps to support all families.

Hi Parents,

We are determined to provide a thoroughly consistent, supportive approach to our lockdown HOME LEARNING programme. We are, first and foremost, keen to encourage parents to develop structured systems which will help you balance your family/household commitments with the need to support your child with their various learning activities - we know this may be hard but we will work together for the benefit of our kids

The Government suggest at least 3 hours daily per child!! ... How does this work when you may have 2, 3, 4 kids? ... DON'T WORRY ... You can only do what your family circumstances allow. But, don't be disappointed if I share stories of great work and commitment from some families which may make you feel a little behind the expected rate of involvement. We must still celebrate great work and achievement from home and recognise supreme efforts from our parents. ALREADY FAMILIES ARE ASKING ADVICE ... PREPARING FOR WHAT IS NEEDED DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES.

Key Issues that we are addressing in our Home Learning Programme:

1. Importance of basic skills including home reading. Please make sure your child reads, reads, reads. We will provide useful sites to access more books
2. Regular class chats (minimum of 3 per week) or phone calls to those who can't access Google. We aim to invite your child into the virtual classroom regularly
3. Regular telephone contact (daily for some families) from Wellbeing Mentors - we must keep in contact - our support for you all will always be there
4. Our plans include delivery (and collection) of paper copies of work to any family who can't access online Learning - we will deliver (and collect) paper versions weekly
5. Parents may request basic resources - eg: pencil, loose paper, exercise book etc - please send any requests for pencil/pen/paper to your child's class teacher or email our school office
6. Use of different devices: X Box, Play Stations etc - this information was sent out earlier
7. We will be assessing kiddies work weekly and regularly offering feedback
8. Remember - our PARENT HELPLINES (class email addresses + GH email + admin) will remain available. Please note however that emails to staff are best sent during our normal working hours. Only I am 'open' to emails 24/7. I've had them sent to me at midnight, 2.00 am in the morning etc!!! But obviously I can only respond ASAP after waking up from snooze!

9. We will give guidance on the accepted length of various activities and on how to approach new concepts etc (maybe by video)
10. We will provide a 'timetable' to help you establish structure to the Home Learning
11. We will provide assemblies through Google.
12. Kids learning at home will mirror what kids are learning in classrooms - this is really crucially important.
13. Children with Special Needs/Learning Difficulties will have their work planned to suit their needs.
14. Good work will regularly be shown on Twitter, our website and shared through Parent Message emails.
15. We will 'signpost' parents to very useful learning programmes: BBC Bitesize, Phonic Programmes, Twinkle, White Rose Maths, Joe Wicks sessions (which can be recorded) etc.
16. We will NOT be sending out homework in addition to our Remote Learning work!!
17. We will be launching our Lockdown Home Learning Programme from Monday next week. More details to follow over the weekend.

REMEMBER:

PLEASE FEEL CONFIDENT TO CONTACT STAFF OR MYSELF TO SHARE ANY WORRIES OR CONCERNS. USE ME OR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSTEACHER TO HAVE A CHAT WITH YOUR KIDDIE IF YOU THINK THAT MAY HELP THEM CRACK ON WITH THEIR WORK!!!

We are in this together. We will pull through together.

Take care. X

Regards,

Graham Huckstep.