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Helpful Hints for Parents for Remote Learning

We understand the pressures and difficulties that remote learning can put upon families. We have compiled a list of 'helpful hints' that could support you and your children during this time.

- Ensure your children log on to their TEAMS meetings in plenty of time with the necessary equipment available e.g. stationery, paper and any resources needed from STARZ. Creating a specific 'learning space' may be helpful.
- Guidance from the DfE specifies that schools have to check daily whether pupils are engaging with their work. Therefore, children are required to join at least one TEAMS meeting every day. If your child is unable to join please let the class teacher know via the class email account, or send a message with the school office.
- The DfE instructs schools to provide remote learning for a set number of hours per day: 3 hours a day on average for KS1 (less for younger children) and 4 hours a day on average for KS2. We have adhered to this on each class's weekly timetable. If you are struggling to find time for all of the lessons provided please prioritise the Guided Reading (KS2), Phonics (EYFS and KS1), English and Maths. Additional learning such as reading for pleasure, Phonics Play, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed also make up these learning hours. Remember any activity that is supporting your child's physical, mental or emotional development is still learning.
- Teach your child how to mute, unmute and raise their hands TEAMS meetings so they can be independent during these lessons. Teachers will address questions to specific children as they would in class; we often do this to check a child's understanding.
- Making mistakes is an important part of learning and indicates to the teacher where children need extra support. Please don't answer questions for your children or complete their work; this is not helping their learning. Teachers need to see your child's errors to know how to move their learning forward.
- Encourage your child to be independent; in school they often work on their own and ask for help if they need it. They should be able to work this way during remote learning too.
- Ensure your children submit their Maths and English learning **daily**. This should be sent via STARZ (Tapestry for EYFS) for marking and feedback by their class teacher. Key Stage 2 children could be taught how to upload this onto STARZ independently.
- Praise and encourage your child. You have been emailed the template for our school special cards; please do provide your child with a special card when you feel they have been attentive, imaginative, motivated or spiritual. This will help to keep them motivated.
- Ensure your children are getting plenty of fresh air and physical exercise. It is often a good idea for children to have a 'brain break' involving fresh air in between online TEAMS lessons.
- Communicate with us! School staff are all here to help and support you and your children. Class teachers check emails daily or feel free to request a phone call if needed. Remember to stay in touch!



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Remote Learning FAQ

What resources will my child need to access the learning?

Your child will need access to STARZ (Tapestry for EY) as this is where all of the timetables and resources will be uploaded. If you require a printed copy these are available on request from the school office. A tutorial showing how to log on to STARZ and access the project pages is on the COVID-19 tab of the school website.

What do I do if my child is ill?

If your child is remote learning at home and becomes unwell they do not need to complete the learning until they are better. Please inform your child's class teacher that they are unwell and will not be available for the daily TEAMS live lessons.

What if I do not have enough devices for my children to use?

If a child does not have access to a computer/laptop and/or the internet, please let us know. We will do all we can to support children and will provide paper packs of learning. We have some laptops we can lend. If necessary, we can explore how to help with 4G connections, particularly for disadvantaged children. Please make the school aware of any barriers to accessing remote learning.

How do I keep my child motivated to complete their remote learning?

School is here to support so please let us know if you feel your child needs some motivation. We have also provided parents/carers with our special cards. Awarding these to your child can help to keep them motivated and on track.

What do I do if my child is struggling with the work?

Please let your child's class teacher know immediately via the class email account. Teachers are able to differentiate work and support your child in a variety of ways.

What do I do if we miss a TEAMS meeting?

Contact the school office who will inform your child's class teacher. Alternatively, your child may wish to send their teacher a message on STARZ.