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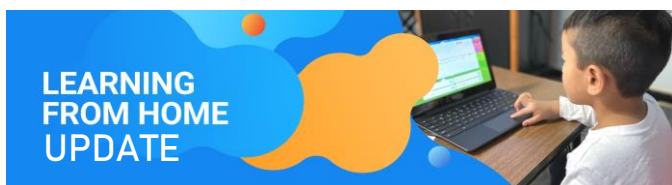


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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter gives you information about

- New registration arrangements for children learning at home
- Lessons uploaded by 6PM the night before
- Live interactive well-being activities
- Collecting textbooks and physical resources from school
- E-safety – Childnet International
- Time to Talk - T2T 1-2pm Mon - Fri
- Project Smile – Whole school positive messages to share with each other.

Registration for children learning from home



We understand how challenging it is trying to juggle your own work commitments, cooking and cleaning for the family, whilst at the same time trying to support your child with their home learning. Hopefully the videos help to explain the activities in a way that allow your child to complete the learning as independently as possible and the recorded lessons mean you are able to be flexible with your day to complete the learning when it best fits into your day.



However, starting this week, for safe guarding reasons, and to encourage engagement with our remote learning, we require all children to either respond to the morning welcome video or post their learning from one of the activities set **by 10AM** each day.

The staff who are providing and monitoring your child's home learning will then use who has responded to complete a class register every day. The school will be monitoring how successful this method of self-registration is and getting in touch with those families who are regularly not uploading work or sending a message to find out how we can support you to make this possible.

Lesson upload

To help families prepare for the day ahead, we are now uploading all our lessons by 6pm the night before. We hope by having our lessons available the day before, parents and carers can print any resources in advance or pre-watch videos to understand what their child will be learning the next day. We know children are at their best during the day and we do not intend for children to do this work in the evening.

Live interactive well-being sessions



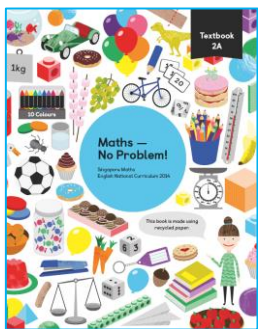
As part of our commitment to maintain a sense of community and belonging, children who are learning from home will be given the opportunity each week to be involved in live interactive well-being activities. These will be optional for families and will vary for each year group in regularity and length. There are strict safe guarding procedures which all children, parents and carers must adhere to for these to be successful and enjoyable.



The children will be assigned to a group with other children from their year group. A member of the teaching team in that year group will facilitate an activity such as playing a game, completing a quiz or reading a story. The activity will depend on the age of the children. These sessions are being provided to support our children's wellbeing and to reduce the feeling of isolation. All communication about learning will continue to be shared through Seesaw and Tapestry.

You will soon receive an email with the time, date and zoom link for your child's group meeting along with the zoom meeting protocol. The date and times will remain the same, where possible, so that you can organise your time and the sharing of devices. Please make a copy of these for future reference. It is imperative these are not shared with anyone. If you intend for your child to join the Zoom session, you must ensure you have read and shared with your child our Zoom meeting protocols.

Collecting Textbooks



For any families who are having difficulties printing, we are inviting parents and carers to collect physical resources, such as their child's Maths No Problem workbook, if they would find it easier to complete the activities in a book. We are also happy to provide exercise books, pencils or pens if any families do not have something appropriate for their child to write on. Please get in touch with your child's teacher to let them know if you would like to collect any physical resources and they can co-ordinate the collection with the admin team for you.

E-Safety

A direct consequence of the pandemic is our children are spending an increasing amount of time online. Therefore, it is important we take the time to talk to our children about what they are doing online and ensuring they understand how they can stay safe. Childnet International have made some brilliant resources that offer practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping children safe online. Follow the link to find out more. [Childnet Link](#)



We will also be making weekly videos to promote e-safety to our children whilst so many of our children are learning from home.

T2T - Time 2 Talk 1-2pm Monday to Friday

We are always ready to listen and talk through any worries or concerns a child may have. However, this is not so easy when children are not in school. Please explain to your child that they can always post a note to their teacher, at any time, if they are feeling worried or anxious about anything!



This week we will be promoting T2T, where a member of staff from each year group will be available online to respond to any children's concerns. It could be about their learning, family or friends. If you know your child has things on their mind, you might want to suggest posting something during T2T, 1-2pm Monday to Friday.

Withheld Numbers - As the teaching staff providing and responding to remote learning are often working from home, please answer any withheld numbers as it is likely to be a member of staff phoning from their personal mobile or landline.



If children don't want to share their worries with family, friends or staff, they might want to share how they're feeling with Ollee.

Ollee is a virtual friend developed by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's 'A million & Me'. Aimed at 8 – 11 year olds and their parents, Ollee helps families talk about difficult topics.

To find out more or to give it a try yourself follow the link [Ollee link](#)

Project Smile



We would like all the children in the school, whether they are at home or at school, to share a short 30 second video on Tapestry and Seesaw to support each other during lockdown. Please post your video by **Monday 25th January**. They can make a video about any of the following:

- Top tips to stay happy in lockdown
- How to manage worry and anxiety
- Something that has helped you smile or laugh during lockdown
- Top tips to keep motivated to learn at home while schools are closed
- A storyboard or poem about their time in lockdown.

Your teachers will then put all the videos together and share them with the class on Seesaw and Tapestry. We hope this positive message of support for each other will really help at this challenging and unusual time. If you want to know more follow the link. [Video explaining about Project Smile](#)

We are continually monitoring and adapting our remote learning to ensure we deliver the best provision possible for our children both at home and at school. Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Best wishes,

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