

Rednal Hill Infant School and Nursery Class
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Dear Parents and Carers

Home Learning Plan January 2020

Following the announcement yesterday that we are once again facing a National Lockdown, we will be moving to our remote learning plan for most of our children. School will continue to be open for the children of Keyworkers and Vulnerable families, but most children are expected to stay home as part of the national effort to control the Coronavirus.

This is an extremely worrying time for everyone and brings with it added pressure to support your children with their home learning. This can be especially hard if you are also trying to work from home, have other commitments, or less than ideal family circumstances. With this in mind, we have tried to ensure that our Home Learning offer is broad and varied and accessible.

We have deliberately chosen to use a 'mixed diet' of paper based tasks, online learning and videos by familiar staff to engage and challenge infant aged children. These sit alongside more formal, discreet lessons sourced through agencies such as The Oak Academy and also links to websites and games that children can access more independently. We have also linked learning where possible to opportunities that may arise during your daily exercise sessions and during everyday home life. In line with Government guidance, learning is based on what your child would have been taught in the classroom and will build on prior learning to maintain a cohesive learning journey wherever possible.

What families can expect from our Home Learning offer

- **Today, Tuesday 5th January, there is a short, welcome video** from your child's teachers on Tapestry and a separate task based on your child's experiences over the Christmas holiday.
- From tomorrow, **teachers will post a daily morning overview on Tapestry**. This will usually be in the form of a video and will provide a positive and purposeful start to your day.
- **You will receive a paper based pack of information and resources every two weeks**. The first one will be posted out today. In this pack you will also find a weekly overview which breaks down the learning into 4 days and links to the daily overview on Tapestry.
- **We have deliberately only set work for four days a week** in order to allow time for families to catch up, revisit videos and to follow up their own home learning opportunities.
- Lessons and challenges will include **daily phonics, maths and literacy lessons** as well as a variety of other learning opportunities.
- **Tapestry, our online learning journal**, is an invaluable way of communicating with school, sharing learning and celebrating effort. It is also where you will find resources and links to staff videos and useful websites and games.
- **The Home Learning tab on our school website** www.rednalhill-inf.bham.sch.uk is another useful resource

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- Teachers will be available via Tapestry, and by email office@rednalhill-inf.bham.sch.uk and by telephone on 0121 453 2636. Due to teaching commitments within the Keyworker and Vulnerable group in school, they may need to return your call at a more appropriate time.

Internet access- as an Infant School we are currently unable to access the Government's scheme to provide free laptops to those families struggling to access the internet. Families with allocated social workers should be eligible for laptops from the Birmingham Children's Trust and school has been given a limited number of Vodafone data sim cards which we can distribute. If you require additional paper based resources, please contact school and we will ensure they are posted out.

Finally, I would like to reassure parents that it takes time for children to settle into a learning routine. If possible, access Tapestry and read through the information school has provided yourself, before you share it with your children. Keep sessions short and positive and build on success. You are the experts where your children are concerned, and you know them best- good luck and most importantly, take care of yourselves.

Yours Sincerely

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