

SUTTON ON THE FOREST

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



7th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am contacting you regarding remote learning provision for our children who are learning at home during lockdown.

The government has been clear in its message that high-quality remote learning of three to five hours a day is very important for children not attending school, and we fully endorse this. As during the last lockdown, we will need you to be on board, keeping your children to good routines and creating timetables etc. The premise will be that whatever national curriculum learning is happening in school, will be echoed in the best way possible at home. The systems will develop over time and will likely look different across the different age groups.

We understand that for many of you at home, this will be a real challenge, particularly for parents who are working from home. It is also very challenging for us here too, as we have a high percentage of children attending school, which means that all of our staff are in school and teaching full-time, but we will try our very best to ensure there is equity of learning for children in school and at home. The next few weeks of remote learning will not be perfect and it is important that we work together in the best ways possible; you can only do your best and we can only do our best.

We are continuing to use Google Classroom but are also hoping to enhance our offer by providing some 'live' learning using Google Meet. This is a learning curve for all staff and there will inevitably be teething problems, but we are hoping to learn as the weeks go on, responding to feedback from yourselves, the children, and the staff about what has and has not worked well.

The children will be set three tasks a day as well as being encouraged to complete a wellbeing task and having regular breaks for fresh air and exercise. The day will include:

- Maths, English, Foundation subject (History, Geography, IT, PE, etc.), Wellbeing


From Monday 11th January, we would like the children at home to log onto Google Meet at 9.30am, where they will be greeted by their class teacher and be given an outline of the activities to be completed that day. This will be an opportunity for the children to ask any direct questions, face-to-face. At 3pm, we would then like the children to log back onto Google Meet to share with staff and the children in school what they have done that day and share any work.

Suggested timetable for the day from Monday 11th January

Time	Activity
9.30 - 9.45	Google Meet – an opportunity for pupils to hear the outline of activities for the day
9.45 – 10.45	Lesson 1
10.45 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.00	Lesson 2
12.00 – 1.30	Lunch, exercise, wellbeing activity
1.30 – 2.30	Lesson 3
3.00 – 3.30	Google Meet – an opportunity for children to connect with peers and staff and share work completed during the day



FAQ

What is live learning?	Live learning will vary depending on the style and approach of the teacher. Lessons may include check-ins, interactive inputs, or pre-recorded video supports with tasks to complete.
How do I know when live lessons will be?	<p>Live lesson links will be sent to your child's Google Classroom.</p> <p>Live sessions will be held via Google Meet and will be recorded.</p> <p>Live lesson links should never be shared elsewhere.</p> <p>Live lessons are to be used to support learning, and children can join when it is appropriate/suitable for them.</p> <p>It is important that manners and respect are maintained throughout and students are appropriately dressed.</p>
What will marking and feedback look like with remote learning?	<p>Feedback may be verbal using Mote, and the icon looks like this on their work: </p> <p>Typed feedback may be used on assignments completed.</p>
What if my child has a query about the activity they are doing?	The children will need to ask a question on the class comments. As staff are all teaching in school, they may not be able to respond to pupils' comments and queries immediately, but staff members will have Google Classroom open in class and will respond ASAP.
During remote learning, how will wellbeing be managed?	<p>Children will be encouraged to attend the Google Meet welcome and end of the day sessions to have interaction with staff and peers.</p> <p>Wellbeing activities will be part of the daily timetable.</p>

As ever, thank you so much for your support, and please contact school if you have any questions or feedback.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Pye