



Wednesday 6th January 2021

INFORMATION ABOUT REMOTE LEARNING

Dear Parents or Carers,

We find ourselves in a strong position to provide a robust approach to remote learning for all of our children in school. This lockdown is very different from the one that began last March. Compulsory primary school aged children are expected to complete approximately 3 hours of learning per day. Our teachers will be sharing timetables and setting purposeful tasks that meet the requirements of the EYFS/National Curriculum for each year group. We expect that children will complete the tasks and show evidence of their work to their teachers. If we feel that your child is not engaging, we will be in touch to see how we can help.

EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

Our EYFS remote learning offer will continue to be provided via Evidence Me/Parent Share. All of our children have parents / carers emails registered to this, but get in touch if you would like an additional email adding.

Daily learning activities will be shared each morning and will mirror the curriculum that the children would have been covering in school. There will be a number of activities for them to complete at home and we ask that you do share as much as possible with us, as teachers will be commenting on what the children have done and provide next steps to support their learning.

We also plan to hold some zoom meetings, to touch base with our children in small groups and also to have some storytime sessions together. We would send invites for these and you can participate if you want to.

You can always contact us via Evidence Me/Parent Share as it will be checked hourly throughout the working day.

KS1 & KS2

We have always valued the role that technology plays in the teaching and learning process and as many of you will know, have provided 1:1 iPads for our KS2 children for over 5 years now. Since the lockdown in March, we have launched our 1:1 iPad scheme for Y2 children and are almost ready to roll new iPads out to Y1 children.

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Google Classroom enables all children from Y1 to Y6 to access their daily timetable, hand-in work and receive feedback from their teachers. Children can also comment on their class 'stream'. Please encourage them to comment politely and purposefully. Children who attend our Key Worker Provision will be using Google Classroom and will follow a similar timetable - our remote offer for Y1-Y6 will match what is taught in school.

Children from Y3 to Y6 will have a personal Google Slides presentation, onto which they can add evidence of their work. This is so that we - and they - can keep a record of what work they have completed at home (screenshots/images/videos). All of their evidence can be stored on these slides - just add a new slide when needed. At half term, the children should then be able to look back on what work they have completed during lockdown.

We are going to invite children from Y1 to Y6 to join Zoom meetings occasionally with their teachers and potentially, the other children in school. The amount, purpose and timings of these virtual meetings will differ from year to year. We know that younger children may find this more difficult whilst older children are more independent. These 'meetings' will not be 'live lessons', ie, the teacher will not teach a lesson from start to finish at a particular time of the day. Feedback from families during the last lockdown indicated that parents find our flexible approach more appropriate. Zoom will give teachers the opportunity to discuss work, share next steps and celebrate achievements; this will help to keep children engaged. However, please do not worry if your child cannot join every meeting. We appreciate that each day is different and family situations can differ from one day to the next. If your children do join a meeting, please encourage them to dress appropriately (no nightwear please), speak and listen politely and be in as quiet as space as possible.

Resources

Whilst we will set work digitally, we do not expect every piece of work to be completed online. Some tasks may involve writing, building, drawing, investigating or role-playing. Children with iPads can take photographs of what they do and upload to their Google Classroom. Parents can also share via the class Twitter account. If, however, you are struggling to find paper/pencil resources at home, please let us know and we can provide some for you. Email the main office: admin@prescotprimary.org.uk or ring 0151 432 7100.

We do not expect to set any work that will need printing off at home.

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Pastoral support

Sometimes, with remote learning, we notice that children may not be engaging or may make comments in class streams that are of concern. If we notice anything of concern about your child whilst they are learning remotely, our pastoral team or the class teacher will be in touch to discuss it with you. Our safeguarding procedures remain as rigorous as always and we will continue to work with you during these difficult times.

Assemblies

We will post weekly assembly videos onto the digital platforms which will be a nice way of celebrating home and school achievements.

As always during these difficult times, we will continue to review our practice weekly. If you have any issues with our remote learning offer, however, please contact us immediately and we will endeavour to solve any problems.

We appreciate your efforts in becoming teachers whilst juggling the demands of family life and work. If you need our help, please ask.

Kind regards,

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